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AROUND THE STATE

Glendive

Through a contractual agreement with the County Superintendent's office, Mrs. Perl Coombs, Librarian, is serving the county schools with books and supplementary materials for their reading programs. The teachers are delighted to be able to use the fine library resources of the Glendive Public Library.

Helena

Mrs. Frances Wells is the new Helena High School Librarian. A native Montanan, she graduated from the Hardin high school and Rocky Mountain College. She did graduate work at the University of Denver School of Librarianship. Her experience includes teaching as well as library work—in Colstrip and Belgrade, Montana; Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Cheyenne, Wyoming . . . Miss Katherine Orchard became librarian of the Montana Law Library upon the retirement of Mrs. Adeline P. Clarke on July 1. Miss Orchard has been on the Law Library staff for some time and is familiar with the work. She is a graduate of Montana State University.

Columbus

Mrs. Helen Prichard, County Librarian, met with the Civic Club and the Kiwanis Club in her community to discuss organization of a Friends of the Library group. Recently she issued a booklist for "Businessman and Farmer." This is an excellent idea. Too often librarians neglect the special needs of men in the community and miss an opportunity to gain their interest and support.

Terry

Mrs. Vina Hoaglund is the new county librarian in the Terry Public Library. Mrs. William Ganson, former librarian, has moved to Glendive.

Miles City

For many years, Mrs. Mildred Schlosser, Children's Librarian in the Carnegie Public Library, has sponsored a continuing program of puppetry in her department. During the summer the children make the puppets under her direction and write the plays to be performed on the little puppet stage. During the fall months the children practice the plays and give several performances, perfecting them for a gala presentation of all the plays during Book Week in November. Mrs. Schlosser has kindly consented to lend the puppets to libraries in the state for exhibit purposes. Interested librarians may write to Mrs. Schlosser or to the State Library Extension Commission if they wish to be included on the itinerary of the show . . . The Carnegie Public Library is continuing its Radio Book Quiz in cooperation with the A.A.U.W., using graded reading lists, and bringing into the library scores of children to enjoy the pleasures of good reading . . . Rita C. Klein began her duties as librarian at the Veterans Administration Hospital in September. She is a graduate of the School of Library Science, Western Reserve University. She came to Miles City from Spokane, where she was on the staff of the Whitworth College Library.

Cut Bank

Glacier County Friends of the Library, with President Harold Nelson as toastmaster, entertained at their Fall Roundup on September 27. The western theme was carried out in the decorations and program. The Glacier County Friends group now numbers more than 250 members. Each organization in the community is represented, and through these representatives the organizations are kept informed of developments in the library program . . . Glacier County has opened its new Browning Branch Library building, and work is progressing on the headquarters building in Cut Bank. Both will be dedicated early in 1957.

Corvallis

"Teaching the Use of Books and Libraries" is the title of an extension course which is being offered in Corvallis from Montana State University. Fifteen persons have enrolled. Richard Darling, Assistant Professor, Department of Librarianship, School of Education, is teaching the course, which offers three university credits.

Missoula

Missoula now has a Great Books discussion group. Under the sponsorship of the Missoula Public Library and the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. William Howland, the first meeting was held on October 3, at 8:00 p. m., in the Lodge on the Montana State University campus. There were twenty-three people present in addition to the two leaders. Evelyn Swant and Nellie Sheets of the library staff attended. The group will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, through June 1957. The Howlands recently moved to Missoula from Nebraska, where they had been trained as leaders in one of the groups sponsored by the Omaha Public Library. Two sets of the Great Books, first year series, were purchased by the Missoula Public Library for the use of members who do not care to purchase their own sets . . . Mrs. Thelma Brown Pauline has joined the Missoula Public Library staff. A graduate of Montana State University, she has had teaching experience in her major fields of journalism, English and history. For the past five years she has been librarian of the Wallace (Idaho) Public Library.

Great Falls

The Great Falls Public Library is moving books and magazines, which have been stored in the old Valeria Library, to a hangar at the municipal airport. The books are being placed in order on the shelves so that they will be available when needed, but the collection will be serviced only once a week. This limitation will call the attention of the public to the crowded conditions at the main library and emphasize the need for a new building or expansion of the present building. Until 1903 the Great Falls Public Library was housed in the tiny Valeria building. When it is torn down there will be space for an annex to the present building, or one wing of an entirely new building. The Library Board wishes to retain its present location close to the downtown business section . . . At its July meeting the Library Board adopted a five-year Classification and Pay Plan . . . The Great Falls National Bank has issued book marks for the Public Library with the heading,

"This Is My Place." On one side is printed the schedule of Bookmobile stops; the other side carries the advertisement of the bank. The Telephone Company has agreed to enclose book marks with its monthly statements. A splendid way to get free advertising! . . . The popularity of the Bookmobile service continues to grow. The fact that circulation at the main library has not decreased demonstrates that the Bookmobile is reaching a different group of patrons . . . Mr. and Mrs. William H. Bertsche have presented a gift of money to purchase books for the Children's Room in memory of their daughter. The collection will be known as the Ellen Paine Bertsche Memorial and will be added to each year on her birthday anniversary. The initial gift was used to purchase a collection of books in foreign languages . . . Keeping abreast of what is new in the library field, Mrs. Mary Haggerty attended the University of Washington summer session, studying Elizabethan and modern literature; Mrs. Ethelda Wagner enrolled in an extension course in Creative Dramatics offered by Montana State University; Mrs. Alma S. Jacobs attended the Public Library Materials Institute at the University of Minnesota, and a workshop in librarianship, directed by Gretchen K. Schenk, at the University of Denver School of Librarianship's summer session . . . Beginning June 1956, the Public Library initiated a weekly series of TV shows. During these fifteen minute telecasts, various staff members discuss books and library services.

Billings

Mrs. Hazel Christiansen has accepted a position at the Rocky Mountain College Library for four months, beginning December 1. The Christiansens will move to Billings for the winter months, but plan to return to Arlee in the spring, where they own the Jocko Park Tourist Court. Mrs. Christiansen was formerly librarian of the Big Horn County Library, Hardin.

Hamilton

The City Council, meeting in special session on October 30, voted to join the Five Valleys Federation of Libraries. Mrs. Chadwick was present at the meeting and explained the plan for extension of library service to rural areas under the Library Services Act.

Greenough

The Missoula County Free Library has placed a collection of books in the Sunset School for the adult residents of the community. Mrs. Mabel Carney, teacher at the school, has charge of the collection.

Kalispell

The Flathead County Friends of the Library and the Kalispell Junior Chamber of Commerce jointly issued a statement on October 21, reiterating their support of a $1,200,000 bond issue for a new county courthouse and jail. Their statement pointed out that the 55 year old courthouse provides only half the space necessary for efficient service, and that the county is paying $4,600 annually for rented space for four county offices and the County Library.

Superior

Representatives of local organizations met with the Mineral County Library Board on October 29, for the purpose of forming a Friends of the Library group. Mrs. Victor Hardman, County Librarian, opened the meeting with a short history of the library, which will be celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. Catherine Chadwick spoke on the progress of the development program under the Library Services Act. Mrs. Robert Bemis outlined a plan for redecorating and reorganizing the library and solicited the help of organizations in the community. The project will be completed in time for Book Week.

Montana Education Association

Virginia Walton, Richard Darling, Alma Jacobs and Eilene Morrison participated in the State convention of the National Council of English Teachers at Great Falls, October 25-26. Miss Walton spoke before the Library Group on the subject, "Montana History in the High School Library." Mrs. Jacobs brought greetings from the P.N.L.A. and mentioned the Ford Foundation survey, which will include a study of high school libraries. Mr. Darling spoke briefly on "Helps for the Teacher Librarian." The Library Group program was arranged by Gace Baldwin, High School Librarian at Box Elder. Miss Morrison was the speaker at the Council's luncheon . . . Mrs. Jane Carey, Librarian of the Dawson County High School and Junior College, arranged a library program for the Billings meeting. Dr. L. H. Fitzpatrick, Librarian of the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, spoke on "The Library As a Service Center." Mrs. Catherine Chadwick explained the Library Services Act and its implications for high school and public libraries. Her talk was followed by an informal discussion . . . Dr. Fitzpatrick also gave an address, "Goodbye Books, Here Comes Television," at the second General Session on October 25, and spoke before the Junior High School English Section on "What Makes a Great Book Great and a Rare Book Valuable."

Montana State University

Mrs. Mary De Land was named acting head of the Cataloging Department following the resignation of Miss Susie Theis at the end of July. Mrs. Jean Walton Davis has joined the staff as Assistant Cataloger. She holds B.A. and M.A. degrees from Washington State College, and an M.A. degree from the University of Denver School of Librarianship. She has studied at the Sorbonne in Paris and has taught French and Spanish. She came to Montana State University from Alaska, where she was librarian of the Anchorage Community College. Another new assistant in the Cataloging Department is Mrs. Audrey Richardson Curdy. She is a 1956 graduate of Montana State University . . . Mrs. Phoebe Johnson is again working as Assistant in the Circulation Department after an absence of a year. She is a graduate of the Valley City (North Dakota) Teachers College . . . Robert Fischer, Head of Acquisitions, and his wife are the proud parents of a daughter, born August 9.

State Library Extension Commission

By action of the State Library Extension Commission at its meeting in Missoula on August 15, Mrs. Catherine Chadwick's title was chang-

ed from Library Consultant to Director of Library Service. During the past two months, Mrs. Chadwick has made several visits to the public libraries in Hamilton, Darby, Ronan, Polson, Missoula and Superior. These libraries are interested in affiliating with the proposed Five Valleys Federation of Libraries. Recent field trips have taken her to Miles City, Glendive, Terry, Sidney, Columbus, Great Falls and Cut Bank. She has addressed the P.T.A. at Thompson Falls and Home Demonstration Councils in Ronan and Hamilton. She represented the Commission at the dedication ceremonies of the Toole County Library building in Shelby on September 9. She visited the St. Patrick's Hospital Library in Missoula, conferring with the librarian, Mrs. H. E. Kirkemo. She has worked with the libraries in Flathead and Lincoln Counties, which are organizing the Northwest Montana Federation of Libraries . . . Miss Torgrimson attended the meeting of the State Reading Council in Helena, October 5-6, and the M.E.A. District Convention in Great Falls, October 25-26.

Former Montanans

Miss Erana Stadler, Librarian of the Owatonna Public Library, was elected president of the Minnesota Library Association at its annual convention in Minneapolis, September 27-29. Miss Stadler was on the staff of the Great Falls Public Library in 1952-53 . . . Miss May Gillies, Wyoming State Librarian, and Miss Dorothy Phelps, Territorial Librarian of Alaska, attended the regional meeting on the Library Services Act in Sacramento. Miss Gillies was formerly librarian at the Helena High School. Miss Phelps was head of the Carnegie City Library, Kalispell, for many years.

ABOUT BOOKS

Mrs. Marian Place (Dale White) begins a children's book review section in the Autumn 1956 issue of **Montana: the Magazine of Western History**—"The Kids' Corral."

The University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, has published several books of interest to Montanans:

Abbott, Edward Charles
We pointed them North. 1955, $3.75

Haines, Francis
Nez Perces, tribesmen of the Columbia plateau. 1955, $5.00

Grinnell, George Bird
Fighting Cheyennes. 1956, $5.00

Kraenzel, Carl Frederick
The great plains in transition. 1955, $5.00

The Montana State University Press has published:

Weisel, George F.
Men and trade on the Northwest frontier, as shown by the Fort Owen Ledger. 1956, $5.00

Other Significant Titles:

Sharp, Paul F.
Whoop-Up country. University of Minnesota Press, 1955, $5.00

O'Keane, Josephine
Thomas J. Walsh: a Senator from Montana. Francestown, N. H., The Marshall Jones Co. 1955, $4.00

LEGISLATION

Budget

The State Library Extension Commission will have an ambitious legislative program to present to the 35th Legislative Assembly, which will convene January 2, 1957. Of first importance, since upon it depends day-to-day operation, will be the biennial budget. The proposed budget calls for an annual appropriation of $30,997.02, or a total of $61,994.04 for the biennium. This is an increase of $19,080.02 over the previous budget of $42,914.00. The proposed budget provides for no additional staff but attempts to bring the salary scale up to standard; it provides for an increase in the travel fund to make possible more frequent meetings of an enlarged Commission, and increases in the funds for printing, postage, telephone and telegraph, in order to expand and improve communication facilities.

LIBRARY SERVICE FOR THE BLIND

A new item in the budget calls for $3,600.00 annually to pay for library services to the blind. For many years Montana has received talking books and books in Braille through the courtesy of the Seattle Public Library, which underwrote the cost of administration and distribution of these materials. The Seattle Public Library can no longer extend this service without compensation and is asking the State Library agencies in the Northwest region to pay for the service to blind citizens in their states. The Seattle Public Library reports that the number of blind persons in Montana using this service is well over 300, and estimates the cost per person as $12.00 per year. Montana's contribution, therefore, should be $3,600.00 per year. The State Library Extension Commission, at its meeting in Helena on September 14, 1956, approved the proposal to request this amount from the 1957 Legislative Assembly as a part of its budget.

BUILDING

The Commission proposes to request the Legislature to appropriate money for a headquarters building at the State Capitol. Plans have been drawn for an addition to the Veterans and Pioneers Memorial Building to provide space for the Commission headquarters on the first floor, an auditorium for the use of state groups and organizations on the second floor—a long-felt need at the Capitol. The plans are not official and are meant to be suggestive only. The estimated cost of the proposed addition is $100,000.00.

Since 1946, when the State Library Extension Commission began operations, it has enjoyed the hospitality of Montana State University. For nine years it was allowed to occupy a room in the Library building, and although the quarters were crowded the arrangement was quite advantageous. A year ago, however, the Commission was required to move its headquarters out of the Library because the building was to be remodeled. The only location made available was one floor of an old frame building, which had been erected as a temporary building during World War I. In the new location there is insufficient room for office space and working facilities for the Commission staff. The building is not fireproof and offers no insulation against weather con-

ditions. The floors are in very bad shape, and books and equipment are subject to damage from faulty plumbing. Many books had to be placed in storage where they are inaccessible when needed. The State Library agency is performing a worthwhile and necessary function in Montana, and it deserves decent housing and working conditions.

AMENDMENT

Another piece of legislation to be submitted in January is an amendment to the State Library Extension Commission law to provide: an increase in the membership of the Commission from three members to five, all appointive members to be lay people, no more than three to be of the same political affiliation; the appointments to be made for five-year terms; and the chairman to be elected from the membership for a two-year term.

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The State Library Extension Commission will lean heavily on the Montana State Library Association for support of its legislative program. President Marjorie Moores has appointed the following Legislative Committee: Mrs. Leo C. Graybill, chairman, Mrs. Peter Meloy, Mr. Edmund Toomey, Mrs. John Marchi and Mrs. Ruth Longworth. Mrs. Graybill has a thorough knowledge of legislative procedures, since her husband has represented Cascade County in many Assemblies. She was a member of the State Library Extension Commission from 1952-1955 and was very helpful in promoting library legislation in the 1955 session. Mrs. Marchi, Mrs. Meloy and Mr. Toomey are residents of Helena, and will be on the alert to watch progress of library bills. Ruth Longworth is the professional representative on the committee who can supply information when it is needed. A predominantly lay committee was appointed in order to enlist lay support. This does not mean that M.S.L.A. members cannot take an active part in the legislative campaign. Their wholehearted support is essential.

LIBRARY SERVICES ACT

1956

In August, the U. S. Commissioner of Education, Samuel Brownell, wrote to the Governors of the States and Territories announcing the enactment of the Library Services Act, Public Law 597, 84th Congress, and requesing information concerning their official State Library extension agencies. In September, invitations went out from the Commissioner's office to the directors of the State Library agencies, inviting attendance at one of four regional conferences on the Library Services Act to be held under the auspices of the Office of Education. In order to keep the groups small for effective discussion, only two persons from each state were invited to attend these working conferences. The conference for the western states was held in Sacramento, California, October 11-13, and included the following States and Territories: Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Idaho, Arizona, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Alaska and Hawaii. The Montana Library Extension Commission was represented by Miss Ellen Torgrimson, Secretary, and Mrs. Catherine Chadwick, Director of Library Service.

The conference at Sacramento was under the direction of Ralph M. Dunbar, Chief, Services to Libraries Section, Office of Education, who will be the director of the Library Services Act program. He was as-

sisted by Joseph H. Meyers, Assistant General Counsel, Office of Education, John Lorenz, Assistant Librarian of the Michigan State Library, and Miss Julia Bennett, Director of the A.L.A. Washington Office. Discussion centered around the legal problems involved in the administration of the Act, and a guide to the procedure for submitting State plans to the Commissioner of Education.

The initial amount to be made available to each State and Territory is $40,000, which must be matched according to a formula based on the ratio of rural population and per capita income. On this basis, Montana must provide $39,428 as matching funds. Since the work of the Montana Library Extension Commission is concerned chiefly with library service to rural areas, its entire budget may be counted for matching. The extent to which local funds may be counted is yet to be determined. Montana's plan for demonstrations of federated libraries was approved in substance by Mr. Dunbar and his colleagues.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The 46th annual conference of the P.N.L.A. was held at Washington State College, Pullman, August 29-31. Montanans who attended were: Alma Jacobs, Beatrice O'Mahony, Mr. and Mrs. Merwin Moores, Doris Wilson, Lesley Heathcote, Rita McDonald, Kathleen Campbell, Catherine Chadwick, Ellen Torgrimson Richard Darling, Ruth Longworth, Mabel Miller, the Rev. James White, Loretta Peck, Eilene Morrison, William I. King, Mr. and Mrs. L. Sandsmark and O. L. Gillespie.

One general session was devoted to the Ford Foundation-sponsored Survey, with Dr. Morton Kroll, Director, and Henry Drennan, Assistant Director, reporting on plans and procedures. "Library Buildings —Today and Tomorrow" was the subject of another general session. Divisional meetings included Specialized Services, the Public Library, Staff Organization Round Table, College Division, Library Trustees Round Table, and Work with Children and Young People.

Distinguished guest speakers included Arthur B. Langlie, Governor of Washington, Dr. Ralph Shaw, President of the American Library Association, and Dr. Raymond Muse, chairman of the Department of History, Washington State College.

P.N.L.A. officers installed on August 31st were:

President
Mrs. Alma S. Jacobs, Librarian
Great Falls Public Library

First Vice President and President-Elect
Dr. Carl W. Hintz, Librarian
University of Oregon Library, Salem

Second Vice-President
Miss Virginia Walton, Librarian
Historical Society of Montana, Helena

Treasurer (Two-year term, 1956-1958)
Mr. Roman Mostar, Order and Research Librarian
University of Washington Library, Seattle

Mrs. Jacobs has appointed Mrs. Beatrice O'Mahony from her staff to act as Secretary.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

by

Alma S. Jacobs, President

It must be a satisfaction to our retiring president to have conducted the Pullman conference. Association members in attendance have been enlightened, inspired and entertained. A great deal of planning and hard work by many people obviously went into this Conference.

We've been talking about the Library of Tomorrow, our plans for the PNLA survey, the Library Services Act, the new ALA standards. It would seem that libraries of the nation face an unprecedented opportunity. This is particularly true of libraries in the Pacific Northwest.

In evaluating his stay at Walden, Thoreau wrote, I "learned this, at least, by my experiment; that if one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours . . . If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost, that is where they should be. Now put foundations under them."

When President Eisenhower signed the Library Services Bill into law, he commented, "It shows promise of leading to a significant enrichment of the lives of millions of Americans . . ." In the Pacific Northwest—with our large rural areas—the challenge to librarians to fulfill the promise will surely be met.

The Library Services Act has brought a quickening of interest in libraries on the part of library-minded people. I have been surprised at the number of patrons who have commented on their pleasure in the passage of the bill. People are excited at the prospects the bill outlines, and their excitement is contagious.

Foundations are now being built for our PNLA survey of library facilities in the Northwest. You have heard the report of the Regional Policy Committee and the outline of plans at this Conference. We all understand that there is much to be done and that the cooperation of each member of the Association is needed. You will be asked for material, submission of reports, and comments— the project should involve the entire membership. Examples of cooperation in this Association are not difficult to find. The establishment and successful operation of the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center is an outstanding instance of regional cooperation. I hope you have all read Ruth Gershevsky's tribute to Charles W. Smith in the July **Quarterly,** with its mention of a distinguished former member's efforts in behalf of the proposed PNBC.

In addition to the Library Services Act and our own PNLA survey, we have the adoption by the American Library Association of **Public Library Service to America, a guide to evaluation with minimum standards.**

Each of these events—the passage of the Library Services Bill, the launching of the PNLA survey, and the adoption of new standards—has far reaching implications for this Association and its members.

The Pacific Northwest Library Association gives strength to all these milestones in the field of librarianship. It is to these meetings that we will come for exchange of ideas, discussion of latest developments and progress reports. Each member will be involved in some way—either through committee assignment or through lending personal support. Just as the Association will lend strength to these various projects, so must the individual member lend strength to the Association. Each member of PNLA will be thinking in terms of cooperation to carry out the promise implicit in these milestones. We are going to be thinking in larger terms than those to which we have been accustomed.

Recently a group of librarians from all over Montana met in Great Falls to discuss plans for use of federal funds. As the group began to think of various ways of extending service through cooperation, you could feel old ideas of self-sufficiency slipping away, you could feel the idea of larger systems of service taking hold.

Certainly one of the implications for members of PNLA will be the need to recruit—members for the profession, and members for this Association. This must be done on a personal contact basis. There is a long list of distinguished accomplishments and contributions by the Association to the field of librarianship. Let us each be responsible for making sure that newcomers to the region, interested lay people and our fellow workers are informed about the Association, its history and its future.

We hope that next year's Association meeting will afford still another example of cooperation. We are planning for a joint meeting with the Mountain Plains Library Association in Montana. We urge all of you to plan now to attend and to encourage others to participate in this meeting—a fine example of inter-regional cooperation.

Pacific Northwest librarians through their regional association will be working cooperatively during the coming year to bring "the resources of the strongest libraries to all." The Library Services Act, the PNLA project and the new ALA standards have presented us with unprecedented opportunity. A strong Association will strengthen our efforts to fulfill the promise. In closing, I should like to call your attention again to Thoreau: "Only that day dawns to which we are awake".

Montana Librarians
Join P.N.L.A. Now!
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P.N.L.A. LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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Harold Nelson, Cut Bank
Mrs. Alma S. Jacobs, Librarian, Great Falls Public Library

Mrs. John Nelson Hall, Great Falls

Mrs. Perl Coombs, Librarian, Glendive Public Library, (Chairman, M.S.L.A. Library Development Committee)

Mrs. Catherine S. Chadwick, Director of Library Service, State Library Extension Commission, Missoula

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Aneas P. Collins, Librarian, Rocky Mountain Laboratory, Hamilton

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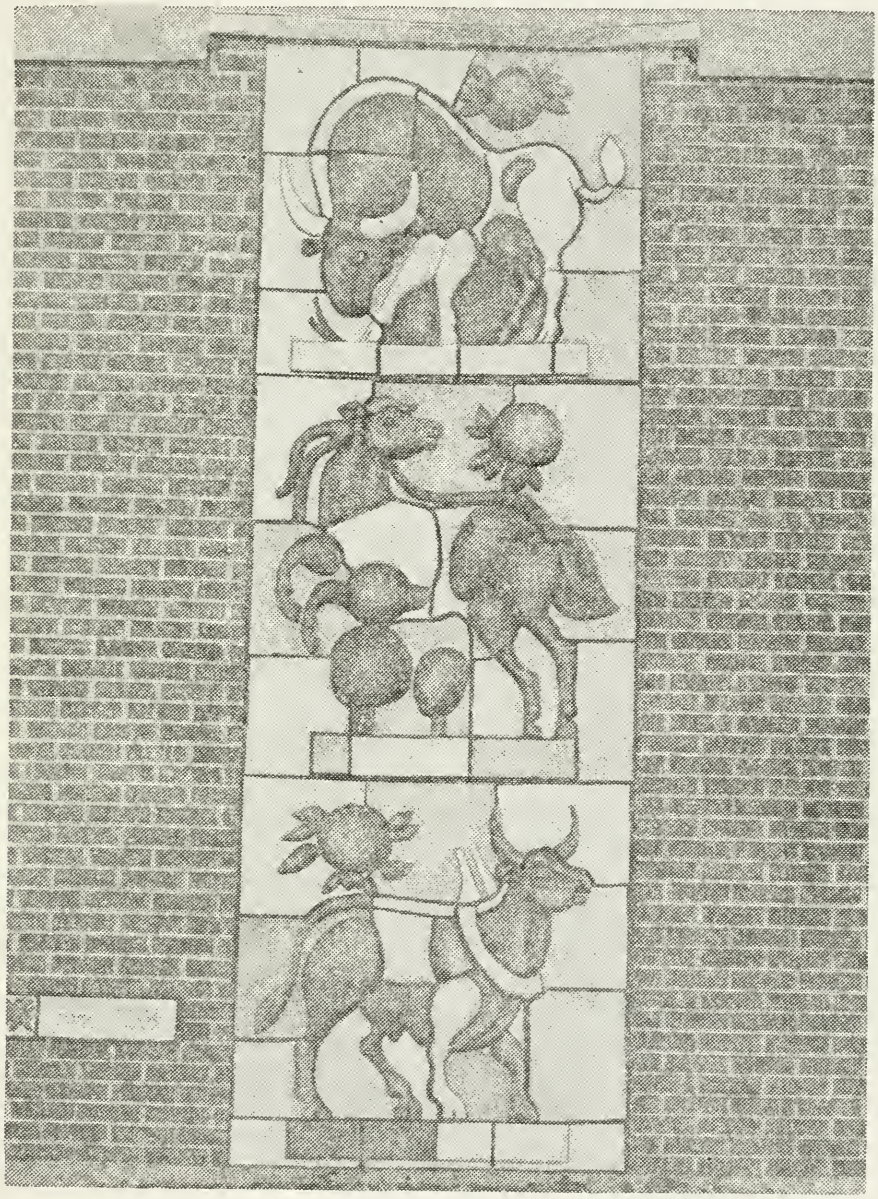

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BUILD THE BRICKS IN 1956. It is now 1957 and the State Legislature is in session. Have we built those bricks solidly? The answer lies within each and every one of us, for now is the time to make sure that our legislators support the State Library Extension Commission and its budget. We have come a long way; we must hold what we have gained and forge ahead. The Commission needs an increased budget and housing in Helena. Quarters in Helena can be obtained by adding a wing to the Veterans and Pioneers Memorial Building on the Capitol grounds, to be paid for out of the Capitol Land Grant Fund. Let us ask our legislators now to support both of these measures and request our friends and patrons to write letters also. The future development of the Commission depends upon our efforts.

The 1957 conference of the Montana State Library Association will be held in Butte on May 3-5. Plans are to start the conference with a noon luncheon on May 3rd at the Finlen Hotel. There will be workshops on library budgetary procedures; on the development, weeding and interpretation of the book collection, with special emphasis on when to mend and when to bind; a workshop on "Know Your Community;" and a special panel of interest to school librarians on "School Library Problems." The banquet on Friday evening will be in charge of the local committee and will emphasize fun and relaxation. On Saturday the Friends of the Library will be in charge of the luncheon program. There will be a business meeting of the Friends of the Library organization on Saturday afternoon, so urge your local Friends to attend. The final session of the conference will end before noon on Sunday, so you can all get home that night. The local committee is planning entertainment and coffee breaks. New and old Association members will be welcomed by Mabel Miller and her Hostess Committee, who will see that everyone gets acquainted. Come one, come all, to Butte the first week-end in May!

MARJORIE J. MOORES, President

AROUND THE STATE

Merwin M. Moores is on leave from the Northern Montana College Library during the winter quarter. He is attending the University of Washington in Seattle, doing graduate work in the Library School and the School of Education. During his absence, **Mrs. Marjorie Moores** will be in charge of the college library as well as the Hill County Library.

Chester H. Roberts became librarian at Eastern Montana College of Education, Billings, on August 15, succeeding **Pauline Rich** who retired in July. A native of Missouri, Mr. Roberts received his B. S. degree from Central Missouri State Teachers College, and his M. S. from the University of Wyoming, where he studied Library Science. During World War II he served in the U. S. Navy as a radio technician. He has had teaching experience in Missouri and Wyoming. He is not a stranger to Billings, since he spent one summer teaching library science at the Eastern Montana College of Education.

The Missoula Public Library regretfully announces the death on December 14, 1956, of one of its former staff members, **Mrs. Lelia E. Hale,** wife of R. J. Hale, and daughter of the noted painter, Edgar S. Paxson. A resident of Missoula since 1906, a graduate of Montana State University, and a very civic-minded person, Mrs. Hale will be greatly missed by her many friends and by the whole community. Her service with the Missoula Public Library dates back to her college days when she was a part-time assistant. After her graduation in 1920 she worked full-time for one year, then reverted to part-time work for several years. In 1951 she joined the staff on a full-time basis, but illness forced her to resign in June 1955. Lelia Hale was a loyal, enthusiastic, hard-working librarian, beloved by her fellow staff members and the public she served so well, and her passing has saddened all her friends and associates.

The Miles City Library Board and City Council are working on a plan to give county-wide library service through a contract with the Custer County Commissioners.

The Parmly Billings Memorial Library put its second bookmobile into service on January 2. Like the first unit, it is giving service to the children through school and playground (in summer) stops. Located in the downtown business section of Billings, the library is not easily accessible to children in the outlying areas.

Mrs. Ruth O. Longworth reports that the Glacier County Library is now being moved into its new building, which will be dedicated in February. The picture on our cover depicts the ceramic relief panel designed and made by A. Rudy Autio of the Archie Bray Foundation in Helena. Here, in Autio's words, is his explanation of the theme:

> "The first animal, the bison, symbolizes that era significant in our region which is pre-historical, primitive, undiscovered, undeveloped. It represents a scheme of things before white civilization entered and established itself in our region.
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> "The second animal, the horse, represents the discovery period. This was the militant period in local history. It was the era of the explorers, the trappers, the missionaries of a new faith. Traditionally

the horse is associated with men of war, but particularly as a means of transporting men from place to place. The horse was also an important element in the Indian tribal economy and remains dominant as an animal loved by man for its beauty and utility.

"The third animal, the ox, symbolizes the current period in development. The ox is harnessed (or yoked) to serve the needs of men. It represents work, cultivation and settlement. Moreover, it is a bovine animal and symbolically includes all varieties of related and useful animals essential to permanent settlement.

"The remaining elements in the design are merely chronological symbols—since suns (along with moons, stars and other astrological phenomena) have traditionally been associated with time . . . In the use of these symbols, the suns are primarily decorative, but are also intended to poetically connote the passage of time."

The decorative panel was presented to the library by the Oil Field Lumber Company as a memorial to the late Bill Linder.

Marjorie Beal, who served for a time as Librarian of the Havre Public Library, has been named acting Librarian of the Haywood County Library, Waynesville, N. C.

PROPOSED NEW ORGANIZATION

The Ronan High School Library Club is inviting the library clubs of the other high schools in Lake County—Arlee, Charlo, Polson and St. Ignatius—to a meeting on January 22, to explore the possibilities of forming a State Association of Student Librarian Assistants. Mr. Richard L. Darling, Assistant Professor of Education, Montana State University, will talk to the group, explaining the advantages of such an organization and describing organizations of this type in other states.

LIBRARY WORKSHOP

The Montana State University School of Education will conduct a library workshop from July 22 to August 2, 1957, on the subject of Book Selection for Children and Youth. The workshop will carry three credits of either undergraduate or graduate work and is open to all school and public librarians who have nine quarter hours of library science or expeience in library work. The workshop will be under the direction of Mr. Richard L. Darling, Assistant Professor of Education in Librarianship, assisted by Miss Carol Trimble, Librarian, Douglas County Library, Roseburg, Oregon.

STATE LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMISSION

On January 7th, Governor J. Hugo Aronson announced the appointment of Dr. Amos R. Little of Helena to the State Library Extension Commission for an unexpired term ending May 22, 1958. He replaces Mrs Frank Fulton, formerly of Plevna, who is now living in Idaho.

Progress? Yes!

Six months have passed since the congressional act providing federal aid to libraries became a law. In that time hopes for immediate funds have repeatedly risen and been dashed, as the stipulations of

the law and the wide variance of library provisions among the states and territories were studied by the officials of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Such drastic variations in state library provisions have necessarily affected the workings of the law. It was not until the last week in December that the official forms, necessary for the simple act of applying for the funds, were finally received by the State Library Extension Commission. The completed forms are in the hands of the Department, and word is expected that our plan is in effect. It has been highly commended by the Department and by other library authorities.

In the meantime, here in Montana progress is being made in preparing for the activities of the Federations. Inez Herrig, coordinator of the Northwest Montana Federation, has cataloged and sent, complete with catalog cards, to the members of her Federation over a thousand titles, not to say how many copies. Because of the delay in the receipt of the funds, Mrs. Herrig has donated this work, for which we all owe her a debt of gratitude. The work was largely that of duplicating cards, but it was a tremendous undertaking.

Mrs. Alma Jacobs, Great Falls Librarian, and two of her staff, accompanied by Mrs. Chadwick, visited libraries in Teton County and spoke to groups on the possibility of a federation which would center in Great Falls, sending out materials by bookmobile and aiding the established libraries by the centralized ordering and cataloging of books and materials. Mr. Russell Conklin, Mayor of Great Falls and a member of the library board, also accompanied the librarians. Another trip, later in January, will be a visit to other libraries interested in this plan for central Montana.

The small communities around Missoula, participants in the Five-Valleys Federation, have been frequently visited in the last months, mostly for the purpose of assisting the librarians in rearranging their libraries, setting up reference collections, and weeding out unnecessary and obsolete materials. Mineral County Public Library at Superior has held a grand reopening of their beautifully redecorated and attractive library, after a community project in which every organization in the community participated, with the newly-formed Friends of the Library as the leaders in the undertaking. Darby has moved into attractive new quarters in a log block-house type building on the main street. There is to be a grand opening with a story hour given by one of the local primary teachers, who is also sponsoring a girls' reading club. Darby put through a three-mill levy this year, and plans to go ahead constructively with the Five-Valleys Federation. A recently appointed library board is giving strength and backing to the program.

The City Council of Hamilton voted to enter the Federation, as did the City Council at Thompson Falls. Hamilton has a new library board, and has been in the throes of a recataloging project. Much worn-out material has been removed from the shelves and the library has a "new look" because of rearrangement which makes the collection more attractive and available. Other communities have been visited, and the library situation there studied, with the plan that bookmobile service will furnish the service where it is not practical to set up a library because of small population or inadequate funds.

In the interest of securing more cooperation with Home Demonstration groups, Mrs. Chadwick attended the annual Extension meeting in Bozeman in December; she also participated recently in a planning conference with Mrs. Jacobs of Great Falls and Mrs. Ruth Longworth of Cut Bank. Both these librarians will be regional coordinators under the state plan for extended service. Mrs. Chadwick has also recently met with the Glacier County Commissioners to discuss the possibility of extension from the Glacier County Library. On this same trip she spoke to the A.A.U.W., of Great Falls on the federal services project.

CATHERINE S. CHADWICK,
Director of Library Service

LEGISLATION

The S.L.E.C., is proceeding with its legislative program as outlined in the October issue of MONTANA LIBRARIES. The budget will be in the hands of the Appropriations Committee in the House and the Finance and Claims Committee in the Senate. Membership on these committees is as follows:

Finance and Claims

W. A. Groff (Ravalli), Chairman
Richard Nixon (Blaine)
Carl Lehrkind (Gallatin)
Carl P. Minette (Glacier)
Charles H. Mahoney (Garfield)
Webster Keller (Stillwater), Vice-Chair.
Glenn R. Larson (Sanders)
Kenneth Cole (Petroleum)
William R. Mackay (Carbon)

Carl P. Minette, Chairman, and Charles H. Mahoney have been appointed to the subcommittee on Boards, Bureaus and Commissions, which will study the Commission's budget.

Appropriations Committee

John J. MacDonald (Garfield), Chairman
H. H. Hess (Hill)
Claude C. Gray (Sweet Grass)
Lloyd Barnard (Valley)
Clyde L. Hawks (Big Horn)
George Siderius (Flathead)
John J. Cunningham (Silver Bow)
Arnorld Rieder (Jefferson)
W. Gordon McOmber (Teton)
Harrison Reeder (Gallatin)
George E. Gleed (Beaverhead)
M. K. Daniels (Powell)
Clarence E. Walton (Park)
H. H. Haines (Prairie)
John J. Pierce (Yellowstone)
Fritz Norby (Cascade)
Norris Nichols (Ravalli)

The last four representatives listed compose the subcommittee on Boards, Bureaus and Commissions, under the chairmanship of Arnold Rieder.

Budget: The State Controller, whose job it is to reconcile proposed expenditures with anticipated revenues, has cut the Commission's budget request by more than $9,000 annually. Efforts must be concentrated on making the Commission's needs known to the House Appropriations and the Senate Finance and Claims Committees. The Controller has eliminated the $3,600 needed to pay for library service for the blind. Unless provision is made through another agency or department, it will be sad for Montana's blind citizens who derive so much pleasure and stimulation from the talking books and books in Braille. Address letters on the subject of the budget to members of the committees listed above.

Building: There is no certainty that Capitol Land Grant Funds will be available for the proposed addition to the Veterans and Pioneers Memorial Building to provide quarters for the Commission. Governor Aronson has appealed to Congress for modification of the law to permit Capitol Land Grant funds to be used for remodeling and repair of existing buildings. The Montana congressional delegation has agreed to sponsor the legislation. Montana's Capitol Land Grant Fund may, therefore, be tied up indefinitely in anticipation of favorable congressional action. If funds will not be available from the Capitol Land Grant Fund for the building, it is hoped that money will be forthcoming from some other source. The Governor has indicated that he looks favorably upon the plan to move the Commission to Helena. Missoula County legislators were invited to visit headquarters to see why a new location is needed. One of them, who is a contractor, took particular note of the structural defects of the present quarters. Three times within a year defective steam pipes have caused damage to books and materials. The floors are sagging beneath the weight of book stacks, and the old frame building is a serious fire hazard. Provision of suitable quarters is imperative.

Amendment: The proposed amendment to the Commission law, Section 44-127 (1575.1), a copy of which was sent recently to all librarians in the state, is an important measure that should not be overlooked. A larger, more effective Commission is needed, and the longer terms will give greater continuity.

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OPERATION LIBRARY

The United States Junior Chamber of Commerce has adopted "Operation Library" as a national project, recommending it to the 3,000 Jaycee organizations throughout America as a Class I Program—their highest priority. The project, which started last year as a statewide Jaycee activity in Arkansas, has the full cooperation of the American Library Association.

Jaycee organizations throughout the country celebrate Jaycee Week January 20 to 26 to observe the founding of the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce as a national organization. State and local Jaycee organizations will receive this month a number of materials from national headquarters giving full details on "Operation Library." There will be further mailings to the chapters in February and March. Now is

the time for local librarians to get in touch with their Jaycee units to offer cooperation. Each Jaycee chapter selects its own projects from among a number suggested by the national office.

Is there a Jaycee organization in your town? Let the members know that you are interested in cooperating on this project.

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AWARDS

The Awards Committee of the American Library Association presents a list of awards and citations to be made at the 76th annual A.L.A. Conference in Kansas City, Mo., June 23rd to 29th.

The **Melvil Dewey Medal** for recent creative achievement in the fields of library management, library training, cataloging and classification and the tools and techniques of librarianship. Deadline for nominations, April 1, 1957.

The **Grolier Society Award** in recognition of the achievements of a librarian in a community or school who has made an unusual contribution to the stimulation and guidance of reading by children and young people. Deadline for entries, March 15, 1957.

Trustee Citations are limited to trustees in actual service during at least a part of the preceding calendar year. Deadline for nominations, March 15, 1957.

The **John Cotton Dana Publicity Awards** are based on scrapbooks submitted to show a cross-section of the year's publicity in various types of libraries. Entry blanks must be in by April 1, 1957, completed scrapbooks by April 15.

The **E. P. Dutton-John Macrae Award** for advanced study in the field of librray work with children and young people. Applications must be submitted by April 15, 1957.

Montana librarians desiring further information regarding these awards may write to the State Library Extension Commission.

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AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The annual Midwinter Meeting of the A.L.A. is expected to bring 1,400 librarians from all sections of the country to the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago, January 29 to February 1. At this meeting the A.L.A., Council will be operating for the first time with the broader powers and responsibilities brought about by the reorganization. Ann Whitmack, Parmly Billings Memorial Library, is Montana's representative on the Council.

The program of the new Public Relations Office of the A.L.A. has been announced by David H. Clift, Executive Secretary. Following is a statement of its Purpose, Objectives and Functions:

Purpose: To develop and carry forward a continuous program of public relations activities in behalf of libraries and librarianship; and increase understanding and support of the American Library Association's aims and objectives by professional and lay persons in the library field, in fields related to libraries, and by the general public.

Objectives: Wider acceptance of the library as an important social institution; increased use of library materials and services; greater public support for libraries; higher standards for librarianship.

Functions: An A.L.A., Public Relations Director, responsible to the Executive Secretary, conducts the Public Relations Office within the framework of the A.L.A., Headquarters organization. All functions are motivated by A.L.A. policies, and related to the Purposes and Objectives of the Office. The Office assists in the promotion of special events sponsored by A.L.A. units, as well as those in which A.L.A. or its units participate cooperatively with other organizations. The Office gives direct service to local library public relations endeavors through consultation and through issuing such materials and conducting such activities as may be developed by A.L.A. public relations units.

Len Arnold now devotes full time to the work as A.L.A. Public Relations Director.

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LIBRARY SERVICES ACT

Librarians and all citizens interested in extending library services to 27,000,000 Americans in rural areas, now totally lacking libraries, are urged by the American Library Association to seek Congressional action for a full appropriation to implement the Library Services Act which was passed by the last Congress. Under the Act, $7,500,000 of federal funds were authorized each year for five years to be matched by state funds for bringing library services to rural populations. However, only $2,050,000 was actually appropriated for the first fiscal year, July 1, 1956 to June 30, 1957.

Mrs. Loleta Fyan, Chairman of the A.L.A. Coordinating Committee for the Library Services Act, says: "It has been decided to seek the full appropriation for the second year of operation of the Act, rather than press for the balance of the full appropriation for 1956-57. We will later seek the additional amount which can be spent to greater advantage when the program gets under way in the various states . . . We urge all citizens—particularly librarians, trustees and friends of libraries—to ask their Senators and Representatives to vote for the full appropriation under the Library Services Act."

PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS COVERING THE YEAR, 1955-56

(Libraries failing to submit reports have been omitted; blank spaces indicate incomplete information)

Library	Librarian	Population Served*	Total Income	Per Cap. Approp.	Vols. In Library	Circulation
	(Libraries serving population 25,000 and above)					
BILLINGS Parmly Billings Memorial Library	Ann Whitmack	31,724	$82,820	$2.61	69,704	260,253
BUTTE Free Public Library	Mrs. Julia Leyden	48,422	44,541	.92	71,837	100,783
GREAT FALLS Public Library	Mrs. Alma S. Jacobs	39,214	106,895	2.72	81,234	224,036
MISSOULA Public & County Library	Evelyn Swant	35,493	51,288	1.44	77,083	173,113
	(Libraries serving population 10,000-25,000)					
ANACONDA Hearst Free Library	Florence Catlin	16,553	18,594	1.12	21,073	52,105
BOZEMAN Public Library	Margaret Hileman	11,325	25,050	2.21	13,386	62,547
GLASGOW Carnegie City-County Library	Mrs. Helen Ewing	11,353	9,880	.87	27,353	54,220
GREAT FALLS Cascade County Library	Mrs. Amy Patterson	13,813	12,980	.94	20,708	35,685
HELENA Public Library	Mrs. Mabel T. Miller	17,581	29,968	1.70	73,511	82,087
KALISPELL Flathead County Free Library	Mrs. Mildred Grawe	18,490	16,268	.88	24,195	118,609

*1950 Census

Library	Librarian	Population Served*	Total Income	Per Cap. Approp.	Vols. In Library	Circulation
(Libraries serving population 5,000-10,000)						
CHINOOK						
Blaine County Library	Mrs. C. E. O'Brien	8,516	5,840	.68	25,894	20,283
COLUMBUS						
Stillwater County Library	Mrs. Helen Prichard	5,416	7,200	1.32	13,644	48,469
CUT BANK						
Glacier County Library	Mrs. Ruth O. Longworth	9,645	20,653	2.14	30,252	101,300
FORSYTH						
Rosebud County Library	Mrs. Cecille Winzeler	6,570	7,044	1.06	12,431	11,410
FORT BENTON						
Chouteau County Free Library	Mrs. W. R. Hagie	6,974	9,591	1.39	23,190	13,301
GLENDIVE						
Public Library	Mrs. Leon Coombs	5,254	8,168	1.53	10,238	31,651
HARDIN						
Big Horn County Library	Mrs. Mildred Holland	9,824	8,578	.87	15,803	43,347
HAVRE						
Hill County Rural Library	Mrs. Marjorie J. Moores	6,199	5,735	.92	10,061	30,395
Public Library	Mrs. Mary Antunes	8,086	11,143	1.37	19,441	39,468
KALISPELL						
Carnegie City Library	Mrs. Jeane Sturdivant	9,737	16,425	1.68	25,306	80,465
LEWISTOWN						
Carnegie Public Library	Mrs. K. Elizabeth Pittman	6,573	10,698	1.62	15,403	62,516

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Library	Librarian	Population Served*	Total Income	Per Cap. Approp.	Vols. In Library	Circulation
LIBBY Lincoln County Free Library	Mrs. Robert F. Herrig	8,693	15,068	1.73	24,248	101,804
LIVINGSTON Public Library	Mrs. Helen Ross	7,683	19,276	2.50	14,633	90,925
MALTA Phillips County Library	Mrs. Eunice O. Ward	6,334	3,992	.63	10,546	26,583
MILES CITY Carnegie Public Library	Mrs. Clare M. Smith	9,243	12,800	1.27	18,834	54,910
PLENTYWOOD Sheridan County Library	Mrs. Dorothy Anhalt	6,674	7,400	1.10	7,500	24,000
ROUNDUP Public Library	Alice Grieve	5,408	1,745	.32	6,949	15,772
SHELBY Toole County Free Library	Mrs. W. M. Black	6,687	22,359	3.34	15,921	
VIRGINIA CITY Thompson-Hickman Free County Library	Mrs. Florence Thomas	5,998	1,889	.31	6,953	5,076
WOLF POINT Roosevelt County Library	Mrs. Berenice A. Hanson	9,580	8,900	.92	12,250	31,646
(Libraries serving population 1,000-5,000)						
BAKER Public Library	Mrs. Elmer Newell	1,772	592	.34	8,175	4,638
BIG TIMBER Carnegie Library	Mrs. Sarah Fallang	1,679	3,646	2.17	11,015	17,948

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Library	Librarian	Population Served*	Total Income	Per Cap. Approp.	Vols. In Library	Circulation
CHESTER Liberty County Library	Mrs. Lilly F. Eveland	2,180	1,500	.68	4,245	4,059
CHOTEAU Public Library	Mrs. Clara M. Roberts	1,616	555	.34	8,502	1,500
CIRCLE George McCone Memorial County Library	Mrs. Mabel F. Fillenworth	3,258	6,146	1.85	9,131	13,918
CONRAD City Library	Mrs. J. E. Ritchey	1,856	1,760	.94	5,203	5,580
DEER LODGE William K. Kohrs Memorial Library	Mrs. Marion MacCalman	3,779	4,550	1.20	20,000	11,977
DILLON Public Library	Mary L. Innes	3,268	5,000	1.52	18,500	15,700
HAMILTON Public Library	Mrs. Floy Fitzgerald	2,678	3,876	1.44	9,000	39,000
HARLOWTON Public Library	Georgia R. James	1,733	1,140	.65	7,456	17,619
HYSHAM Treasure County Library	Vera Baxendale	1,402	40	.03	948	56
JORDAN Garfield County Free Library	Mrs. Doris M. Mart	2,172	1,323	.60	2,048	4,696

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LAUREL Public Library	Frances Fenton	3,663	3,650	.99	9,813	21,977
PHILIPSBURG Free Library	Mrs. Frances Harrington	1,048	220	.21	4,008	
POLSON City Library	Mrs. Mildred Pilotte	2,280	2,669	1.17	12,604	21,989
POPLAR City Library	Mrs. Kate L. Hanson	1,169	1,199	1.02	4,261	4,349
RED LODGE Carnegie Library	Mrs. Marian E. Adams	2,730	3,701	1.35	8,513	14,048
SCOBEY Daniels County Free Library	Mrs. Bernice M. Sorte	3,946	1,200	.30	5,716	5,616
SIDNEY Public Library	Mrs. Sarah T. Kittleson	3,987	7,824	1.96	9,371	25,105
STANFORD Judith Basin County Free Library	Mrs. Elva R. Wineman	3,200	6,600	2.06	11,095	19,668
SUPERIOR Mineral County Public Library	Mrs. Victor Hardman	2,081			6,386	10,120
TERRY Public Library	Mrs. Vena W. Hoagland	2,377	2,382	1.06	7,703	12,424
TOWNSEND Broadwater County Library	Mrs. Florence Muzzy	2,922	1,574	.54	5,286	19,630

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WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS						
Meagher County Public Library	Mrs. Martha L. Dunkel	1,025	360	.35	7,371	3,853
WHITEFISH						
Public Library	Mrs. Mable Engelter	3,268	4,120	1.25	9,839	18,643
(Libraries serving population under 1,000)						
BELFRY						
Public Library	Mrs. H. R. Routh	752	530	.70	2,000	1,065
BRIDGER						
Community Library	Mrs. C. L. Tomlinson	854	32	.038	8,000	3,394
BROADUS						
Powder River Public Library	Mary Watters	517	750	1.45	2,494	3,500
CULBERTSON						
Public Library	Mrs. Kathryn Garbe	779	300	.39	3,080	7,333
DENTON						
Public Library	Mabel Rimby	435	440	1.01	1,602	47
FAIRFIELD						
Public Library	Mrs. Gladys Ellingson	693			3,488	1,965
FAIRVIEW						
High School Library	Mary Lou Kojancik	942	3,000	3.18	2,350	4,414
FROID						
Public Library	Grace Luebke	555				939
HOBSON						
Community Library	Mrs. Anthony Loebach	205	200	.97	1,400	

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Library	Librarian	Population Served*	Total Income	Per Cap. Approp.	Vols In Library	Circulation
PARK CITY						
Smeltzer Memorial Library	Nelle Nelson	380	180	.47	3,043	
PLAINS						
Public Library	Mrs. Frances Cone	714	1,054	1.46	4,800	6,052
REEDPOINT						
Soldiers' Memorial Library	Mrs. Glen Barnum	269			2,144	921
THOMPSON FALLS						
Public Library	Mrs. Vera Kemmerer	815	623	.76	4,500	3,758
TWIN BRIDGES						
Public Library	Mrs. May Lunger	497	400	.80	8,000	400
WIBAUX						
Woman's Club Library	Mrs. D. L. Collins	739	360	.50	3,790	2,600
WISDOM						
Public Library	Mrs. George Cottrell	819	39	.05	2,800	1,008

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Missoula, Montana

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 1956-57 M.S.L.A. year has been one of many problems, plans and progress. The Executive Board met in Helena in June 1956 to appoint committees and make tentative plans for the 1957 conference. Acceptances were received for these appointments, and by October the committee work of the organization was delegated to Association members. Since the Conference invitation to Butte had been extended by the Butte Public Library, it was somewhat of a blow to receive the resignation of Mrs. Julia Leyden as Chairman of the Conference Committee. The situation was saved, however, through the kindness of Mrs. Loretta Peck, Librarian of the Montana School of Mines, who consented to assume the chairmanship. Many months of hard work and planning have resulted in excellent arrangements for your comfort and enjoyment while in Butte. Mrs. Peck and her committee have been of inestimable value to the President during this busy year, and all credit for a successful conference should go to the untiring efforts of this local committee.

In November the Legislative Committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Leo C. Graybill, met in Helena with the State Library Extension Commission to discuss budget requests and legislative plans. It was learned at this meeting that there was no money in the Capital Land Grant fund for a Commission headquarters in Helena, but the decision was made to try for the building in the hope that groundwork could be laid for renewed efforts in future legislative sessions. Letters signed by your President were mailed in January to librarians of the state requesting support for the legislative program of the State Library Extension Commission. Mrs. Graybill went to the Legislature personally to get support for the budget requests. Attention is now being centered on securing an increased appropriation in Congress under the Library Services Act, for the 1957-1959 fiscal year.

At the request of the Board, your president made inquiries of the State Department of Public Instruction to see if any recognition could be given to school librarians who attend library conferences. The State Department agreed that this could be done, since the workshops would satisfy requirements set forth in the "General Information and Requirements for Certification." It was suggested that the Library Association issue certificates of attendance to school librarians; these in turn would be recognized by the State Department of Public Instruction. Upon checking later with the department, however, the offer to give official recognition to these certificates was withdrawn. Therefore, it seemed pointless to have the certificates printed.

As the year draws to a close, plans for the Annual Conference are nearly completed. Association members and Friends of the Library have been very cooperative in assuming responsibility for workshops. Guests who will add to our information and enjoyment will be Mrs. Elizabeth Lochrie of Butte, Mr. Bert Hansen of Missoula, and Miss Helen Luce from the Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

Your President is deeply grateful to each and every Association member who has cooperated so willingly and made the year successful.

Marjorie J. Moores, President
Montana State Library Association

AROUND THE STATE

Pauline Rich returned to Billings on March 28, after more than three months of traveling through Western states. She visited friends and relatives in Denver, Phoenix, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Eugene, Hood River, Polson and Missoula. Miss Rich was formerly Librarian at the Eastern Montana College of Education.

Bettie Eagle of the Montana State College Library staff took a three-weeks' vacation in February for a quick trip to Peru. She reported "a wonderful time in that summer clime."

Mrs. Alma Jacobs, Libraian of the Great Falls Public Library, will be on the faculty for the Second Annual Public Library Institute on "Public Library Finance and Budgets" at the University of Minnesota Library School, April 5-6. **Erana Stadler,** formerly on the Great Falls Public Library staff, now head of the Owatonna (Minn.) Public Library, will also participate. **Mrs. Mabel Miller,** Helena Public Librarian, plans to attend the Institute.

Mrs. Jacobs attended the California State Library Workshop-Institute "What To Do Until the Architect Comes"—in Sacramento, March 18-21.

The **Whitefish Public Library** has been moved to temporary quarters while the City Hall is undergoing remodeling and expansion. The building will house all city departments and will provide larger and more adequate space for the library. The contractors hope to complete the work by November first.

Helen McLaury, Librarian of the Montana State University Law School from 1953 to 1955, has accepted a position in the Tax Court Library in Washington, D. C. Her work entails digesting and indexing tax cases dealing with income, gift, estate and excess profits taxes and contracts subject to renegotiation.

GLACIER COUNTY BUILDS

by Ruth Longworth

The new library building in Cut Bank and the smaller branch library in Browning are now completed and open for business. This is the culmination of a project of twelve years' duration and represents a most gratifying achievement for the community.

These two beautiful buildings and the excellent collection of books are entirely the result of cooperative community action, carried on successfully over a period of years. The library project has given people with a wide diversity of interests valuable experience in pooling their efforts and working in close harmony for their mutual good. I believe it offers a good example of what we can hope to accomplish in every part of the state when we successfully carry out our plan for cooperation on a broader scale under the Library Services Act.

There is another aspect that is good for us to know here in Montana. We have proved that buildings to meet every library need, that are not only spacious but have beauty, too, can be built for a relatively modest amount of money. In Glacier County we were blessed with our choice of architects. Page and Werner of Great Falls did an out-

standing job in designing both buildings and were able to include the best in heating, lighting and floor covering, plus an aesthetically pleasing exterior.

Best of all that has happened here in Glacier County are the countless examples of warm generosity on the part of the people. Every age group has cooperated. Picture my delight, when confronted with the huge task of moving, to have a Boy Scout arrive and offer to do the entire undertaking with the Scouts and Cubs! They did a masterly job of it—moved nearly 30,000 books with dispatch and order. The Rainbow girls stacked the books as they came in, and the high school student-librarians sorted and shelved them in perfect order. In Browning, the fifth grade moved all the books from the Branch headquarters, and within three hours the library was doing business in its new building.

Gifts have poured in. The Woman's Club completely furnished the Primary area, the Elks provided furniture for the spacious Young People's reading and study section, and the Soroptomists purchased charm- equally generous with countless gifts, large and small. The best in ing Herman Miller furniture for the Adult lounge. Individuals have been Montana art is represented in the delightful ceramic plaque by Rudy Autio which graces the front of the building and is a memorial to Bill Linder. Inside the entrance is "The Pronghorn", by Lyndon Pomeroy of Northern Montana College, a gift from Dr. and Mrs. R. K. West. In Browning, the Children's and Young People's room was entirely equipped as a memorial to Joseph L. Sherburne by his family and friends.

Our dedication is to take place in April, and it is our sincere hope that all of you will come. Far more effective than a description will be a look at the spacious working quarters, with islands for each of the library's processes, the vivid, warm colors which combine into a gracious and inviting whole: a welcoming spot for reading, browsing and study for the whole community.

LIBRARY EMPLOYEE TRAINING COURSE

by Ann Whitmack

The Parmly Billings Memorial Library organized a two-week training class in August 1956. It was planned to indoctrinate potential workers in the library system, and give us a pool from which to hire assistants when and if we had the money. We advertised in May and June, and a waiting list of ninety women resulted. This was appalling! What if ninety people took the course and they all turned out well! Rejection and disappointment would be the lot of too many. So we sent out a letter stating what our criteria for appointment would be, and that the stringencies of the budget would permit hiring only people suitable for Bookmobile service.

The three basic criteria that we stressed were: personality, intelligence and maturity. We wanted people who could be pleasant and stimulating to work with, and we asked that they have something definite to contribute to the patrons of the library. We looked for the following qualitifications in clerical assistants:

1. Physcial stamina
2. Emotional stability
3. Social competence
4. Academic competence
5. Mental ability
6. Interest in politics, literature, music, art, history, etc.
7. Skill in oral and written expression
8. Understanding of the psychological, philosophical and social bases of education.

This explanation of our position brought the ninety down to thirty. We gave the students a general information test, a sophistication test, and a final examination.

Miss Lucille Simpson, formerly an assistant here, and later head of the Great Falls Public Library, organized and taught the course. We mimeographed a syllabus for her with seven topics:

1. The Development of the Book
2. Libraries—What, How and Why?
3. The Billings Library at Work
4. Types of Work Carried On in the Library
5. Basic Reference Books
6. Psychology of Library Service
7. The Borrower, the Trustees and Your Position in the Library

There were lectures and there was practice work. It was an illuminating experience to give a final examination and see how well the indoctrination took, and the grades automatically selected the employees.

The students were serious, did the required reading and practice work. We hired four from the group, with a reserve of a fifth. We think they have turned out well in practice. One will be moving to Denver this summer; her experience should enable her to become a clerical employee in the library system there.

We will do this again, having Miss Simpson—we hope—conduct it. This summer we are planning a training class for cataloging clerks to be given in June. Mrs. Winifred Griffith will teach morning classes in cataloging, and other staff members will teach courses in bibliographic work and book acquisition.

We accept people in our training classes whether they live in Billings or not.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Councilor's Report of Midwinter

by Ann Whitmack

The A.L.A. Midwinter Meeting was made interesting by President Ralph Shaw's refusal to accept the report of the Committee on Organization as being out-of-order because it did not conform to the By-laws: "Each Division shall represent a field of activity clearly distinct from the other divisions." His objections were directed especially toward the groups of librarians who are concerned with children and young people. Everybody buzzed about this bombshell. There was a general feeling that Mr. Shaw had a point, that instead of simplifying the organization, the tendency was to make it even more elaborate.

Whether the A.L.A. should meet in Montreal in conjunction with the Canadian Library Association in 1960 was debated and voted on. The vote determined that A.L.A. would subsidize the meeting, since otherwise it could not be held in the new hotel "Queen Elizabeth" now under construction.

Finances of the A.L.A. are in a critical state, and while some economies are being made, retrenchment does not seem in the offing. The reorganization of Divisions went on apace. The Library Administration Division went through in record time, without discussion and without a dissenting vote. It was a beautiful piece of work. It includes buildings, personnel, public relations and other fields. The Program and Evaluation Committee approved arrangements for the material in PUBLIC LIBRARIES to be printed in the A.L.A. BULLETIN.

Mr. Van Horne, Chairman of the Notable Books Council, reported the list of Notable Books, 1956, which was distributed at the meeting.

"Operation Library", a project of the Jaycees, was enthusiastically discussed.

It was a large and lively meeting, probably more businesslike than heretofore.

LIBRARY SERVICES ACT

CATHERINE CHADWICK REPORTS

Monday, March 18, 1957, was truly a red letter day for Montana. On that date the $40,000.00 allotted to the State for library development under the Library Services Act was received in Helena. The program was in effect as of January 1 for our state, but the money did not come until March.

Since that time both Federations have held meetings to discuss details of their programs. Bookmobile scheduling is the big project, with the expectation that each community will receive a visit from the bookmobile at least once a month. When the bookmobile is delivered to the

Northwest Montana Federation, **Inez Herrig,** Coordinator, will take off at once to visit all the communities in her Lincoln County area. **Mildred Grawe,** Flathead County Librarian, plans bookmobile visits to all the communities in her county as soon as possible.

At the Five Valleys Federation meeting in Missoula on March 23, many problems of cooperation were discussed, a mending demonstration was given by **Janet Rathbun** of the Missoula Public Library staff, and a film, YOUR LIBRARY BOARD, was shown. It was announced that Plains had joined the Federation. The group heard a report by Coordinator **Evelyn Swant** outlining the procedures followed in the Federation's cataloging and processing center in the Missoula Public Library. Possible bookmobile routes for this area were discussed. Each librarian told of progress in her library since joining the Federation, and the meeting closed on a pleasing note with the telling of two folk tales by **Richad Darling,** Assistant Professor of Education in Librarianship at Montana State University.

ON THE WASHINGTON SCENE

The President's budget, now under consideration in Congress, called for only $3 million for continuation of the Library Services program. In an unprecedented move, the House Appropriations Committee recommended that the amount be increased to five million. In spite of the opposition of the economy bloc, the House voted on March 29 to sustain the $5 million for grants to the states under the Library Services Act. This was a real victory! Our own Montana representatives supported the increase.

Montana's share of this appropriation will be $57,525, to be matched by $56,703.

Ralph M. Dunbar, Director of Library Services, Office of Education, began to assemble his permanent staff in December. John G. Lorenz, Assistant State Librarian, Michigan State Library, is the new Assistant Director of the Library Services Branch, and Charles E. Dawson is Administrative Officer. Library Extension Specialists are: Wilfred L. Morin, Public Library Consultant, New York State Library; Evelyn Day Mullen, Director, Alabama Public Library Service Division; and Helen Luce, Librarian of the San Bernardino County Library in California. Rose Vainstein, Head of Adult Services in the Gary, Indiana, Public Library, will serve as Public Library Specialist, and Herbert Carl, formerly a Branch Librian with the Washington, D. C., Public Library, is a Library Research Assistant.

Mrs. Gretchen Schenk served as a consultant for a short period in February and "added greatly to the knowledge and spirit of the branch from her great store of experience." As a result of her observations, an article will appear in a forthcoming issue of LIBRARY JOURNAL.

By the end of March, thirty-eight states had submitted their plans and thirty-one had been approved.

Miss Helen Luce has been assigned to serve as Library Consultant in Montana and other Western states. She will attend the Montana State Library Association conference in Butte, May 3-5, then will come to Missoula for a day at S.L.E.C. headquarters. We are happy that all the librarians will have an opportunity to meet her and discuss the Library Services program with her.

WORKSHOP

A Library Workshop on "Book Selection for Children and Young Adults" has been scheduled from July 22 to August 2 at Montana State University. Director **Richard L. Darling,** Assistant Professor of Education, will be assisted by **Carol Trimble,** Librarian, Douglas County Library, Roseburg, Ore. Other courses in Library Science to be offered during the summer session will be: "Organization and Administrattion of the School Library," "Classification and Cataloging for School Libraries," and "Book Selection for the School Library." Three quarter credits may be earned in each course and the workshop.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

As part of a nation-wide effort to interest more students in professional librarianship, a new scholarship program has been started by the H. W. Wilson Co., publishers of library indexes and reference services. During the next three years each library school accredited by the A.L.A. will receive one $500.00 grant from the company. The University of Washington School of Librarianship is one of the ten schools selected to receive grants this first year. Director **Irving Lieberman** states that the method of using the grant has not yet been determined. The entire amount may be given to one applicant, or it may be divided into smaller grants to more than one student. Applications will be accepted until July first.

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AWARDS

Dr. Carl Kraenzel of Montana State College has received an Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History for his book, THE GREAT PLAINS IN TRANSITION, published last year by the University of Oklahoma Press.

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LEGISLATION

The 1957 Legislative Assembly approved the budget request of the State Library Extension Commission in full—$31,173.00 for each year of the 1957-59 biennium. This includes the $3,600.00 per year necessary to continue library service for the blind through the Seattle Public Library.

The bill providing for erection of a building on the Capitol grounds to house the Commission was killed in the House. A Congressional act made possible the use of Capital Land Grant funds for repairing the Capitol Building, and this project was given priority. The Legislators were made aware of the Commission's needs, however, and it is possible that some space can be found in Helena for temporary headquarters.

The proposed bill to enlarge the Commission and revise the law was dropped by the M.S.L.A. Legislative Committee with the consent of Commission members. The feeling was that the proposed changes were not entirely satisfactory, and that the M.S.L.A. and S.L.E.C. should cooperate in drafting a new bill to be submitted in 1959.

The State Library Extension Commission wishes to express its appreciation to the M.S.L.A. Legislative Committee, under the able chairmanship of Mrs. Leo C. Graybill. Other members were: Ruth Longworth, Mrs. John Marchi, Mrs. Peter Meloy, Kathleen Campbell and Edmund Toomey.

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CATHERINE CHADWICK RESIGNS

Mrs. Catherine S. Chadwick has resigned as Director of Library Service for the State Library Extension Commission and left Missoula on March 29 for Arizona. She has accepted a position as Extension Librarian under the Department of Library and Archives with headquarters in Phoenix. She will set up a library extension program for Arizona, which has had only an historical library heretofore.

Mrs. Chadwick came to the Commission in August 1955 as Library Consultant. In this short time she has gained the confidence and affection of the librarians and citizens with whom she has worked. In addition to her consultant duties she took charge of the S.L.E.C. office from September 1955 through June 1956 during the Secretary's leave-of-absence. When passage of the Library Services Act seemed imminent she concentrated her efforts on developing a State plan which would be acceptable to the Office of Education in Washington. Despite the fact that the federal funds were not received until March 1957, the program is well under way in the two Library Federations which will serve as demonstration areas.

The good wishes of the State Library Extension Commission go with Mrs. Chadwick to her new and challenging position.

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WORKSHOP-INSTITUTE

by Alma S. Jacobs

Planning Public Library Buildings was the theme of the 5th Annual Institute-Workshop sponsored by the California State Library and held in Sacramento March 18-21. The Institute considered the necessity for a community survey. If the Library is to serve the community, librarians must know about the people who live there. Site selection was discussed. The need for a written program for the architect was pointed out. The program is a statement of requirement to be met in planning and building a new facility. The statement considers the philosophy of service, its aim and direction, the principles upon which it relies, space requirements, relationships between services, etc. The program gives the architect a clear statement of requirements for the building so that he can translate the needs into a useful beautiful structure. The steps from program to preliminary plan were outlined.

The discussion also covered service relationships and work flow, library lighting, heating, cooling, ventilating, air conditioning, plumbing, communications, color, maintenance, furnishings, and library equipment. An architect and a librarian pointed out what each expects of the other.

Margaret Klausner, Director, the Public Library, Stockton and San Joaquin County, was the Institute director. The Institute workshop was inspiring and very helpful.

In addition to the lectures and discussion groups, there were assembled an excellent "working library", exhibits, packets of informational material and plans and drawings of libraries currently being planned in California.

Margaret Fulmer, formerly Librarian, Great Falls Public Library, and now at Whittier, California, was present. Miss Fulmer is building a new libary at Whittier.

I hope that we can see a building boom in libraries across Montana. Perhaps now that Shelby and Cut Bank have led the way, other communities will follow with programs for modern public library buildings.

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AROUND THE STATE

Walter J. McGuire has resigned his position as Librarian at Western Montana College of Education. He has accepted a position in the library at Arizona State College, Tempe.

Mrs. Patricia Bergsing, Circulation Head at Montana State University since 1955, has submitted her resignation. Her husband has completed his work at the University, and they plan to make their home in California.

Miss Tekla Bekkedal has resigned as Librarian at the Missoula County High School. She came to Missoula in September 1955 and helped to plan the library quarters in the new high school building completed in January 1957.

Glacier County's library building program culminated in the dedication of the Browning Branch Library on April 27 and the headquarters building in Cut Bank on April 28. Both libraries are tastefully furnished with the most modern furniture and equipment and decorated in gay colors. On the occasion of the dedications there was a profusion of flowers sent by organizations, business firms and individuals, and many congratulatory messages were received. The program consisted of brief talks by people in the community who had helped with the planning and execution of the buildings. Gifts were presented to **Mrs. Ruth O. Longworth,** Librarian, whose resignation had been tendered and accepted as of June 1st. Acknowledgment was made of gifts which had been made to the library by organizations and individuals. Tea and cookies were served during the informal reception which followed. Librarians from the Great Falls Public Library, the Parmly Billings Memorial Library, the Whitefish Public Library, Toole County Library, Northern Montana College Library, Hill County Rural Free Library, Montana State College Library, Montana State University Library, Great Falls Clinic Library, Malmstrom Air Force Base Library, and the State Library Extension Commission attended the ceremonies.

Miss Marie Zile has been appointed Acting Librarian of the Glacier County Library, Cut Bank, assuming her new duties May 1st. She has been Assistant Librarian since 1952.

On May 1, **Miss Florence E. Catlin** announced her retirement. She has been on the staff of the Hearst Free Library, Anaconda, since 1917, as Assistant Librarian from 1917 to 1921 and since that time as Head. **Natalie Sliepcevich,** formerly Assistant Librarian, was appointed to succeed her.

Beginning June 1, the Missoula Public Library adopted a new schedule. It is open from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Mrs. Thelma Pauline has resigned as Circulation and Reference Assistant at the Missoula Public Library, effective August 1st. She has accepted a position as teacher of English and Librarian in the Forsyth High School.

With the election of a new Mayor in Butte comes a change in administrators at the Butte Free Public Library. The Mayor named **Mrs. Mary Walsh** for the post of Head Librarian. She succeeds **Mrs. Julia Leyden** who has served since May 1953.

Miss M. Catherine White will be retiring on October 1 from her position as Assistant Librarian and Reference Head at Montana State University. She will be on leave during the Summer Quarter, however, and can begin enjoying her retirement on July 1st.

Friends of **Mrs. Margie Ann (Crawford) Camm** will be interested to know that she has moved with her husband to Little Rock, Arkansas, where she is employed in the Circulation Department of the Arkansas Library Commission. In Montana Mrs. Camm served as Librarian of the Chouteau County Free Library, Glacier County Library, Helena High School and Great Falls Air Force Base.

Miss Ethel Shaffer has resigned as Acquisitions Librarian at Montana State College, effective August 1st.

Under a reorganization of staff at Montana State University Library, **Mrs. Jean Davis** will be Reference Librarian; **Robert Fischer,** Administrative Assistant in charge of Technical Processing; **Mrs. Phoebe Johnson,** Acting Circulation Librarian. These changes will become effective July 1st.

The Dixon Public Library was the scene of an Open House on Saturday afternoon, June 8. A beautifully decorated cake, bearing one impressive candle and flanked by flowers, was the center of interest at a tea table where cake and punch were served to patrons and visitors. The occasion was the observance of the library's first anniversary. The hostess, **Mrs. Lucille Thompson,** Librarian, was assisted by Library Board members. The library was recently moved to a new location. The walls and floor were painted in attractive colors as the initial step in a plan to improve the library's facilities. **Miss Ellen Torgrimson,** Secretary of the State Library Extension Commission, was a guest at the Open House.

The Mineral County Commissioners reappointed **Mrs. Robert Bemis** to the Library Board for a three-year term to expire July 1, 1960. Other members of the board are **Mrs. Alice T. Wilkinson** and **Mrs. Ruth A. McCallum.**

During Spring quarter members of Richard Darling's class in Story Telling at Montana State University took over the Saturday story hour at the Missoula Public Library.

The Ronan High School Library Club has appropriated money from its club treasury to hire a Flathead Lake launch on which to hold the fall meeting of the Executive Board of the Montana Student Librarians. Each school affiliated with the state association, or planning to affiliate, will be entitled to send one delegate to the meeting. The date will be announced early in September.

Thirty reservations have been received for Montana State University's **Library Workshop** on "Book Selection for Children and Young

People," to be held July 22-August 2 under the direction of **Richard Darling,** Assistant Professor of Library Education. Reservations are still coming in at the rate of three or four a week. Nine states will be represented in the workshop—Kentucky, Idaho. Illinois, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington and Wyoming. Inquiries have been received from several other states. This wide representation, but with a concentration in Montana and the Northwest, should assure a wide variety of ideas and experience contributing to the value of the workshop.

Richard L. Darling travelled through the Northwest from May 5-18, visiting school and public libraries and State Departments of Public Instruction, in connection with a study of school libraries which he is doing for the P.N.L.A. Library Development Project. Public libraries visited were those giving library service to schools in the communities on his itinerary. School systems visited were those in Yakima, Washington; Roseburg, Myrtle Creek, Dillard, Days Creek and Canyonville, Oregon; Vancouver, British Columbia; and Boise, Idaho.

Miss Ann Whitmack, Parmly Billings Memorial Library, attended the 22d Annual Conference of the University of Chicago Graduate School, June 19-21, which dealt with the subject, "New Directions in Public Library Developments." Outstanding authorities in the field of public administration, public finance, urban development and related fields joined distinguished speakers in the field of librarianship to discuss emerging problems in public librarianship.

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ABOUT BOOKS

On May 27, Dodd, Mead and Company published ANACONDA, by Isaac F. Marcosson, which tells the amazing story of the Anaconda Company from its beginning. Here are depicted the fabulous careers of such men as Marcus Daly, James F. Haggin, Cornelius F. Kelley, W. A. Clark, John D. Ryan, Clyde E. Weed, Roy B. Glover and many others who have been associated with the Company. (Price: $5.00.)

The first **Kate Greenaway Medal** was awarded to Edward Ardizzone for his most recent book, TIM ALL ALONE (Oxford University Press, $2.75). The medal-winning book is the sixth in a series of "Tim" books by Mr. Ardizzone, author and illustrator of children's books. The Kate Greenaway Medal, established and given by the Library Association of Great Britain, will be awarded each year to the most distinguished illustrated book for children published in Great Britain.

THE LAST BATTLE, by C. S. Lewis (Macmillan, $2.75), has won the English Library Association's **Carnegie Medal** for an outstanding book for children published this year. This is the final book in a series of "Narnia" stories which have become classics of children's literature in America and England. It seems fitting, therefore, that THE LAST BATTLE should have been awarded England's counterpart to our Newbery Medal in recognition of the entire series.

On April 25 the American Library Association presented the first **A.L.A. Liberty and Justice Book Awards** of $5,000 each to William H. Whyte, Jr., for THE ORGANIZATION MAN (Simon and Schuster, $5.00); Alpheus Thomas Mason for HARLAN FISKE STONE: PILLAR OF THE LAW (Viking Press, $8.75); and James T. Thurber for FURTHER FABLES OF OUR TIMES (Simon and Schuster, $3.50). THE ORGANIZATION MAN won for William H. Whyte, Jr., in the category of Contemporary Affairs and Problems. Honorable mention was awarded to Margaret Mead for NEW LIVES FOR OLD (Morrow, $6.75). HARLAN FISKE STONE: PILLAR OF THE LAW won for Alpheus T. Mason in the category of History and Biography. Honorable mention was awarded the late Zechariah Chafee for THREE HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE CONSTITUTION OF 1787 (University of Kansas Press, $4.00). FURTHER FABLES OF OUR TIME won for James T. Thurber in the category of Imaginative Literature. Honorable mention was awarded: Borden Deal for WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY (Scribner, $3.50); David Karp for ALL HONORABLE MEN (Knopf, $3.95); Shirley E. Pfoutz for WHIPPING BOY (Messner, $3.00); Reginald Ross for SIX TELEVISION PLAYS (Simon and Schuster, $3.95); and Elizabeth Spencer for VOICE AT THE BACK DOOR (McGraw-Hill, $3.95). The awards, made possible by a grant from the Fund for the Republic, will be made again next year by A.L.A. for distinguished books published in 1957. Whether the program will continue beyond that date is not yet determined.

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STATE LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMISSION

On May 15, Governor J. Hugo Aronson announced the reappointment of **Mrs. J. B. Mast** of Bozeman as a member of the State Library Extension Commission for a three-year term, expiring May 22, 1960. Other appointive members of the Commission are **Mrs. R. L. Ewing,** Glasgow, and **Dr. Amos R. Little,** Helena.

Miss Ellen Torgrimson submitted her resignation as Secretary on March 23d, effective July 1st. She came to the Commission office in February 1946 to set up the library extension service, made possible by passage of a $20,000 biennial appropriation by the 1945 Legislative Assembly. She has served continuously except for a ten months' leave-of-absence in 1955-1956, spent at the University of Illinois Library School working toward a Master of Science degree, which was granted to her on June 16, 1956. Miss Torgrimson has accepted a position as Reference Librarian in the Rochester (Minnesota) Public Library, beginning July 1st.

To replace Miss Torgrimson, the State Library Extension Commission, on April 23, appointed **Mrs. Ruth O. Longworth,** formerly Librarian of the Glacier County Library, Cut Bank. She assumes her duties as Secretary on July 1st. Mrs. Longworth was granted a Diploma in Library Science by the University of Denver School of Librarianship in June 1945. She has been head of the Glacier County Library since that time until her resignation which became effective June 1st.

MONTANA STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The State Library Association held its annual conference in Butte May 3-5. Attendance records were broken, with Friends of the Library and Library Trustees joining the librarians in their meetings and activities. The Executive Committee which planned the conference included: Mrs. Marjorie J. Moores, President; Doris E. Wilson, Vice President and President-Elect; Zada Bridges, Treasurer; Mrs. Elsie Ekegren, Secretary; Virginia Walton, Past President; Ann Whitmack, A.L.A. Councilor; and Merwin M. Moores, P.N.L.A. representative. The efficient committee which had charge of local arrangements included: Mrs. Loretta Peck, Chairman, Ruth Sultzer, Natalie Sliepcevich, and Inez Haskins. Members and guests were made welcome by the Hostess Committee composed of Mrs. Mabel Miller, Chairman, Dora Christian and Mrs. Inez Herrig. The Hotel Finlen served as headquarters and made available a small auditorium for meetings and exhibits. The Saturday afternoon meetings were held on the campus of the Montana School of Mines.

The excellent program featured workshops on "Library Budgetary Procedures" and "Selection, Weeding and Interpretation of the Book Collection" panel discussions on "School Library Problems" and "Know Your Community," and a discussion on binding: "When to Mend and When to Send." Guest speakers were Mrs. Elizabeth Lochrie, Butte artist, whose subject, "Unwritten Stories of Paints and Feathers" dealt with her work among Montana Indians; and Bert Hansen who related his experiences in directing historical pageants. Mrs. Helen Luce, Library Specialist assigned to the Western states under the Library Services Act, attended the conference and spoke briefly on the Federal program for extending and improving library service in rural areas. The P.N.L.A. Library Development Project was represented by Henry Drennan, Assistant Director.

Friends of the Library were in charge of the luncheon program on Saturday, at which Harriette Cushman, State Chairman, presided. At a business meeting in the afternoon, Mrs. Harold Nelson of Cut Bank was elected State Chairman for the coming year.

Recreational activities scheduled for conference attendants were a tour through the Kelley Mine, with the librarians charmingly attired in chic flannel coats and tin hats equipped with miner's lamps; a tour of the surface workings, conducted by Professor Ralph Smith of the Montana School of Mines faculty; and post-conference trips through the Smelter at Anaconda and the Montana State Hospital at Warm Springs.

New officers installed on May 5 were: Doris E. Wilson, President; Margaret Hileman, Vice President and President-Elect; Loretta B. Peck, Secretary; Zada Bridges, Treasurer; Mrs. Ruth O. Longworth, A.L.A. Councilor.

Honorary Memberships were awarded to Mrs. Leo C. Graybill for her contribution to library service in Montana as a trustee, a member of the State Library Extension Commission, and in the field of library legislation; and to Ellen Torgrimson "in recognition of the fact that she was the first Secretary of the Montana State Library Extension Commission, and also in appreciation of her distinguished services to M.S.L.A."

LIBRARY SERVICES ACT

On June 10 a telegram from the Montana Congressmen brought the welcome news that the $5 million appropriation for the Library Services Act in fiscal 1958 had been passed by Congress. This was good news indeed, since President Eisenhower had recommended only $3 million, and the Commissioner of Education and the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare had both urged that the appropriation be held to that figure. Montana's present Congressional delegation has supported the Library Services Act to a man, not giving mere lip service but actually working for it. Letters of appreciation to each of them should go out from every librarian in the state.

Work is progressing nicely in the two demonstrations of federated library service. Early in May the two bookmobiles, purchased with Federal funds, were delivered to the State Library Extension Commission. One was assigned to each of the Federations. Since the Federal funds must be encumbered by the end of the fiscal year, the librarians involved in the program hastened to select books and equipment so that orders could be placed with the State Purchasing Agent by June 30th. The next step will be to submit a plan for next year's program.

Since the full $5 million appropriation was passed, Montana's share will be $57,525 to be matched by a $56,703 expenditure from State and local sources.

The Five Valleys Federation of Libraries was ready to inaugurate its bookmobile service by mid-June. Mr. Joseph C. Thompson, a retired teacher, has been employed to drive the bookmobile and assist with circulation routines. In the Northwest Federation, the bookmobile started rolling in Lincoln County on May 10 with Mrs. Inez Herrig at the wheel. On June 1 it was turned over to Mrs. Mildred Grawe for service in Flathead County.

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LINCOLN COUNTY'S FIRST BOOKMOBILE SERVICE

by

Mrs. Inez Herrig

After years of wishing, it was like a dream come true to load up the bookmobile and start up the historic Yaak River to give service to the people in the community around the Yaak School, a one-room log building. May 10 was the date, and we started about six o'clock in the morning in order to be at Yaak School when it opened. Distances in our county are so great that unless we can serve that school and two others in the northwestern part of the county the same day it will not be practical.

By mistake the rural postman had left the advance notices of our Yaak stop at the Sylvanite School lower down, so we arrived unheralded. The enthusiasm of the pupils was high, however, and we gave out 85 books. We did not limit the number of books each borrower could take. By noon we arrived at the Sylvanite School and circulated

124 books. In mid-afternoon we reached Leonia on the Montana-Idaho border. Here a number of adults appeared and our circulation was 200, making a total for the day of 409 books, of which 304 were juvenile.

There were thirteen schools to visit, ranging from a very small one of four pupils to a 4-room school. Everywhere we went we were excitedly welcomed. Many of the boys had to examine the brand new truck (International Harvester Metro) and see all its mechanical features first, but only a few failed to take books. Many adults expressed interest in the service, but stated that pressure of farm work, gardening and house cleaning prevented their doing much reading at this time of year. There were 319 registrations on the bookmobile route, of which 54 were adult, 265 juvenile. These 319 borrowers took out 2,380 books.

On this first trip around the county it was necessary to reload each day. The bookmobile holds approximately one thousand books, and each night it came in with many empty shelves. Succeeding trips will be more of an exchange and such extensive restocking will not be necessary.

This is just an indication of what the service will mean to rural people. Lincoln County is sparsely populated but the residents are enthusiastic readers. Non-fiction and the better type of fiction were in highest demand among the adult bookmobile patrons. Of the 288 adult fiction and 175 non-fiction loaned, there were many of the finest titles.

It was a wonderful experience to inaugurate this service!

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AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The 76th Annual Conference of the American Library Association was held in Kansas City, Missouri, June 23-29, with 4,000 librarians participating. President Ralph R. Shaw, Graduate School of Library Service, Rutgers University presided.

There were two pre-Conference meetings:

An Adult Education Institute on Community Study, sponsored by the Adult Education Division in cooperation with the A.L.A. Office for Adult Education and the A.L.A. Library-Community Project, was held on June 22-23.

A Workshop for Library Trustees, Librarians and Citizens on the theme, "Opportunities Unlimited," was held on June 23. Officers and members of the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce who are active in "Operation Library" were special guests.

A workshop on the Library Services Act was scheduled for Monday morning, June 24. This was an open meeting for state library directors, federal relations coordinators, state library association presidents, and all persons interested in the work of the Library Services Act.

Montana librarians in attendance at the conference included Miss Virginia Walton, Library, Historical Society of Montana; Miss Doris Wilson, President, Montana State Library Association; Mrs. Ruth O. Longworth, who assumed her duties as Secretary of the State Library Extension Commission on July 1st; Mrs. Alma S. Jacobs, President, Pacific Northwest Library Association.

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Miss Helen Luce, Library Extension Specialist from the Office of Education, Washington, D. C., visits the Commission, August 26. Miss Luce, Joseph Thompson, bookmobile librarian, Med Bennett, Milton Coffman, William Evans, Florena Vinal, all Commission staff, help to load the bookmobile. Ruth O. Longworth, Secretary, is in the foreground.

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Trustees — 'Our Future, Our Past'

In appreciation of their many hours of service in the public good, we are dedicating this issue of our publication to our favorite people, the Library Trustees.

In an address to the New Hampshire Library Association, Albertus T. Dudley, for many years a trustee of the Exeter Public Library, says, "A Library Trustee differs from a librarian or any other professional man or woman in that he has never received training for the work he has been commissioned to do. He was neither born a trustee nor educated to be one. He was simply dumped on the job. Sometimes, apparently, he never recovers from the shock of the dumping, but remains permanently paralyzed. Sometimes he revives sufficiently to go through the motions expected of a trustee. Occasionally he becomes a whirlwind of activity and smashes everything within reach. More often than you would expect from the circumstances of his choice he turns out to be a sane, strong, wise advisor and friend to librarian and library."

In my recent trip around the state I met a great many Montana board members and have received invitations to become acquainted with many more in the near future. Without exception I found you vitally interested in improving service, alert to library needs, and eager to gain and apply fresh knowledge of ways and means for improvement. We are in the process of preparing a handbook for trustees. Many such manuals have been issued by other states and we shall make our handbook a composite of those we have seen. Each of you shall have a copy at an early date.

I think it is of first importance that we become better acquainted, that we meet together to discuss our objectives and consider better ways to effect them. I should like to see a plan such as exists in Iowa where there is 100% membership of the trustees in the State Library Association. I should like to see a large representation of Montana board members in the Trustee Division of the American Library Association.

Big things are happening in the library world today. The Library Services Act is in full operation and the future can be rosy indeed if we take advantage of the benefits under the Act. Our future, as our past, depends upon you, the counselors and friends who are our Library Trustees.

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Library Budgets — How Much Is Enough?

Public Library trustees are appointed to spend money and get money for public library service. The library board members should be concerned with getting the tax dollar and guarding the public library rather than in trying to save the tax dollar. These points were made in a talk given by Frederick Wezeman, Associate Professor at the Library School of the University of Minnesota to the Public Library Trustees meeting held early in September on the campus of Montana State College. The trustees meeting was one of a series of meetings held in connection with the combined annual conferences of the Pacific Northwest and Mountain Plains Library Associations. Mrs. Leo Graybill of Great Falls presided.

Good public library service is not free but rather it is an expensive service and it is the expensive service which gives the public the greatest return for its tax dollar. The effective board member of a library is the person with deep-seated convictions and beliefs regarding the need and necessity for adequate public library service and is willing to do some real fighting for the cause. Library board members who do not have these convictions, regardless of their place in society are of little value to the public library, and should resign or be replaced by appointing authorities. Wezeman stated that it was futile for the public library to look to others for help but rather that the libraries and trustees are the ones in the best position to do something for the public library.

In talking about public library budgets, Wezeman stated that there were certain items of the public library budget which had importance far in excess of their actual size in dollars. These success items of the public library budget are the items for books, the advertising or book, reading and library use promotion item, the cooperation or outreach item, the analysis or survey item and the revenue item. Wezeman stated that the book item of the public library budget should be double what it was in 1939 based upon inflation alone and not counting increase in population served.

Many people do not know what the public library has or the services it can offer. It is the job of the public library to tell its story and not wait for people to come to the library. The advertising or reading promotion item is for the public library what fertilizer is for the farm. It is a small item but extremely important.

Another success item is the analysis or survey item. From time to time the resources and activities of the public library should be placed under the exacting scrutiny either of the staff itself or of some outside impartial expert in the field.

As a Library Trustee — Are You Fulfilling Your Trust?

Do you attend board meetings regularly?

Are you familiar with Montana's Plan under the Library Services Act?

Do you use your library?

Do you visit the library to learn what is going on?

Do you study the policies of your library before voting at board meetings?

Are you aware of all the services your library offers?

Are you aware of the services it could offer if it were properly supported and staffed?

Does the library board, through the librarian, give the community the service it pays for?

Is the library operated for the interest of the community or for the librarian?

Do you use every opportunity to boost the library in the community?

Do you make it your business to let the appropriating body know the needs of the library?

Are you familiar with the laws pertaining to library service?

Do you visit other libraries to inform yourself of library practice?

Do you attend library association meetings?

Are you a member of the Montana State Library Association?

Are you a member of the American Library Association?

Do you read the bulletins of these associations?

Do you make use of the advisory services of the Montana State Library Extension Commission?

If you answer these questions "Yes," you are indeed a good library trustee.

Serving on a library board is a responsibility. It is within your province to offer a great service to your community if you are interested, conscientious, and willing to sacrifice time and energy.

The library board is charged with the responsibility of administering the library through its designated channels.

Careful records of the board must be kept so that its functions can be carried on. Membership on a library board is a privilege to those who believe in better community living and a better Montana. It offers a rare opportunity to give service to all the people. Libraries cannot give good service without good support.

(Credit for this article is due the Alabama State Library.)

A Letter From the MSLA President

Dear Librarians,

Inez Herrig missed the coffee and doughnuts because her car had a blowout. Car trouble is to be expected when over 30 people come to Missoula from distant points such as Libby, Hamilton, Whitefish and Kalispell. The coffee and doughnuts were offered by way of refreshment and put folks in a mood for the hours of workshop from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 in the afternoon. Inez found us all seated in the Mayflower Room at the Florence Hotel listening to Evelyn Swant's report. Hers was the first item on the program for the Workshop on Book Selection for Five Valleys and Northwest Federation of Libraries, Sept. 14, 1957.

Librarians from participating libraries contributed to the account. Lucille Thompson told about the weeding project at Thompson Falls, of two trips to Darby and Hamilton and a planned visit to Plains. The Five Valleys Bookmobile begins its fourth round in September. Survey trips come first. Then schedules are established and tested. Survey trips also point up certain general interests in subject matter such as Montana history.

The Library Services project help some libraries to obtain needed furniture and equipment. We sat forward eagerly to learn that furniture was on the way, that two projectors were here, that the screens were coming, as well as a tape recorder and duplicator. It was announced that items such as peg boards, newspaper racks and sticks, mending kits and the like were at Missoula Public Library where they had been ordered in quantity to be given to individual libraries.

Inez Herrig got her breath and reported that the Northwest Federation had been reenforcing and cataloging books. Its bookmobile had made five trips doing 900 miles to cover the area. You can understand why borrowers must choose as many as 18 books to last two months between visits. Within libraries in this area a new look through magic use of paint was provided while refinishing a storage room gave space for a youth activity area. The reports were full of delightful human interest items.

Mr. Richard Darling described the use of the book selection aids, **The Children's Catalog, Books for the Teen Age,** and **Book Bait.** He emphasized that well balanced selection provides books for all ages, all types of work and all interests and some books containing broad groups of materials. He said that children will read whatever is provided for them. They **will** read. Our selections must be good.

From my hasty notes are these remarks about book selection:

1. The latest book is not essential to children; to them, a new book is a clean book.

2. Provide lots of books because they will read that many more.

3. Replacements should be frequent since children like clean books.

4. Select sturdy bindings for hard usage.

5. Strive for flexible policies of lending to provide for those children who read at a more advanced level.

During lunch the attending librarians were asked to mention some things the Federal Services cooperation has made possible for their libraries. New books, cataloged and ready for circulation was an item repeated by all. Others added new lights, newspaper racks, extra help, a typewriter, an oil stove, shelving, display material, plans for two Family Nights for the showing of films, space in the front of the old fire hall for a library, a new roof and furniture. So impressive a list of acquisitions, made possible through working together, promoted a generous impulse to honor borrower's cards among participating libraries. Perhaps this was the high point of the workshop. Then the new projector was used to show the film, "The Magic Number," which has been purchased by the Extension Commission. The whole idea of the Federal Library Services Act is interpreted by the Illinois State Library Staff in "The Magic Number." It will be available for use in your community.

I hope I have shared the experiences of this workshop with you.

Doris E. Wilson, President

Montana State Library Association

Two Federations Issue Courtesy Cards

Five Valleys and Northwest Montana Federations took another big step toward friendly cooperation when all the participating libraries decided to honor the borrowers card of every library patron in both federations. Courtesy cards are issued where the library systems do not provide borrowers cards, to show that the bearer is a patron in good standing in his home library.

The two federations are pointing the way to a future when every resident in Montana can have easy access to books in any library. The sharing of library privileges with visitors to our communities is certainly not new. Libraries are continuously commended for their gracious hospitality. The courtesy cards obviate the necessity of an elaborate system of temporary registration and most important, point up the fact that libraries are joined in a league of friendship.

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LINCOLN COUNTY LIBRARIAN TRAVELS TO WASHINGTON, NEW YORK

Mrs. Robert F. Herrig, Lincoln County Library, spent the first two weeks of October in Washington, D.C., and New York City. She attended the meeting of the board of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, for which she is library chairman, in Washington and then spent the second week of her trip in New York.

News From the Commission

We welcome Rita McDonald to the Commission Staff, where she will assume her duties on February 1 as Assistant to the Secretary. She comes to us from Montana State College where she has held the position of archivist for the past three years. As former Librarian for the State Historical Library, Miss McDonald has achieved wide recognition in the field of history and research. Before coming to Montana her experience was entirely with public library service with a great deal of background in the work of library extension. The Commission is fortunate indeed in securing the services of Miss McDonald, who is held in the highest esteem by her many good Montana friends.

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The Commission has leased quarters in Missoula, located on the corner of South and Maddlesex Avenues. The building was earlier the site of a busy and popular nightclub. As headquarters for the tremendously expanded program of the state agency under the Library Services Act, it will serve with surprisingly little adaptation. The dining area will provide space for the office, the long handsome bar in a large room to the side is admirably suited to assembly-line book processing and the dance floor, sturdily constructed to bear the weight of hundreds of square dancers, will safely support the book stacks.

Until three years ago the Commission had been located in the State University Library building. The enforced move in 1954 to two small rooms in one of the temporary buildings on the campus has greatly hampered the services of the Commission. The 1955 State Legislature refused a bill to provide for an adequate building in Helena.

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Miles City and Glendive first, then Glasgow will be the next centers for federations in Montana. On November 4, the Coordinating Committee met in Great Falls to determine the next step in Montana's plan under the Library Services Act. The decision was unanimous to develop the areas in the eastern part of the state. Clare Smith, Miles City; Pearl Coombs, Glendive; and Helen Ewing, Glasgow, will be the coordinators of the next three federations. The Great Falls Public Library will proceed with plans for broader service through contracts with surrounding counties, until such time as funds can be provided to assist in that large region. Alma Jacobs has had encouraging visits with nearby communities who are interested in improving local library service through cooperation with the fine library in Great Falls.

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Besides visits to the many libraries in the Five Valleys and Northwest Montana Federations, the Secretary has renewed acquaintance with 36 librarians in a recent tour around the state. The itinerary included Deer Lodge, Anaconda, Butte, Three Forks, Bozeman, Livingston, Big Timber, Columbus, Laurel, Billings, Hardin, Forsyth, Miles City and the new Kinsey Branch, Jordan, Circle, Glendive, Wibaux,

Terry, Sidney, Culbertson, Wolf Point, Glasgow, Malta, Chinook, both libraries at Havre, Chester, Shelby, Cut Bank, Conrad, Great Falls and Cascade County, Fort Benton, Stanford and Lewistown.

There is most gratifying interest in Montana's plan—a fine spirit of eagerness to cooperate for improved service in very nearly every area visited. The future looks good for Montana libraries. It is true that we have many needs but we are fortunate in that we have so many forward-looking people in the profession and a host of friends among the fine people in our big state.

Hill County Honors Marian Place

Marian Place, who uses Dale White as her pseudonym for the many delightful books she has written for young people, was the guest of honor at the Authors Tea, the yearly Fall event of the Hill County Friends of the Library. Over one hundred and fifty adults signed the guest book and children from two rural schools were there also "to meet a real author."

Over a period of years, Marian and Howard Place have been taking pictures of Montana's ghost towns and have assembled an exceptionally fine collection of color slides. These were shown by Mrs. Place at the Tea, held this year at the Inverness School.

Publication of her new book, **Gifford Pinchot, the Man who Saved the Forests,** was announced at a tea given by Perl Coombs and her staff at the Glendive Public Library. On November 18th, Mrs. Place was the featured guest at the Parmly Billings Memorial Library where she was invited to inaugurate Book Week.

Marian Place was born in Gary, Indiana, and grew up in Indiana, Minnesota and Florida. She holds a B. S. in Library Science from the University of Minnesota and a B. A. from Rollins College in Florida. She worked as a fine arts librarian at Rollins, doing free lance newspaper reporting on the side. She married the son of a Montana pioneer family and moved to Butte where she lived for twenty-one years prior to moving to Glendive.

Gifford Pinchot is Marian's eighth book for teen-agers. She has written **Johnny Cake Mine, Wildhorse Trap, The Singing Boones, High Trail, Bitterroot Basin, Vigilantes Ride!,** and **Tall Timber Pilots** which was chosen as a Junior Literary Guild selection.

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN LIBRARY GROUND-BREAKING

Ground breaking ceremonies for the Rocky Mountain College library in Billings were held September 17. The library will cost about $250,000. It will be a fine brick on tile structure with all aluminum sash and doors, simple and beautiful in elevation and efficiently organized for service.

A Letter From Montana's Congressmen

August 22, 1957

Dear Friend:

We believe that you will be interested in the report we have just received from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare regarding development of the rural library program in our state:

"Montana has moved ahead rapidly under the Library Services Act which was passed by Congress in 1956. The State Plan submitted by the Montana State Library Extension Commission for the 'further extension of public libraries services to rural areas' went into effect on January 1, 1957. According to the best information available Montana received and put into operation the first bookmobile under the Library Services Act.

"Two groups of libraries have already voluntarily agreed to cooperate and federate under the Montana State Plan. The Northwest Montana Federation has its headquarters in the Lincoln County Free Library and includes the Flathead Free Library, Carnegie City Library at Kalispell, and Whitefish Public Library. The Five Valleys federation has its headquarters in the Missoula Public Library and includes the Mineral County, Thompson Falls, Plains, Hamilton and Darby Public Libraries. These federations are centralizing their book ordering and cataloging in order to obtain better discounts and greater efficiency and are also sharing bookmobiles for the extension of library services.

"The Montana State Plan also includes strengthening the services of the Commission through consultant work, training programs and the addition of books and other library materials. The statewide circuit to make films available to all libraries with its headquarters to be located in the Great Falls Library is also being planned.

"The librarians and friends of libraries in Montana have cooperated splendidly with the Montana State Library Extension Commission in developing and carrying out this library program. By combining state and local funds under the state plan, Montana has been able to earn the maximum federal allotments available, $40,000 in fiscal 1957 under the $2,050,000 appropriation and $56,703 in fiscal 1958 under the $5,000,000 appropriation.

"We are glad to be able to send you the summary of the Montana State Plan for rural public library development.

Sincerely yours,

John G. Lorenz
Assistant Director
Library Services Branch"

Development of the rural library program in Montana will continue to have our full support.

Sincerely yours,

Lee Metcalf, M. C.
LeRoy Anderson, M. C.
James E. Murray, U. S. S.
Mike Mansfield, U. S. S.

How 'Modest' Have Librarians A Right to Be?

By Astrid Arnoldson

Library tradition stems back to the time when books were rare and precious and never allowed outside the precincts of the libraries, and the latter were themselves all privately endowed as places of quiet study for a privileged few. Public libraries initially modelled themselves, as to everything but circulation, upon those old private installations, and the attitudes and procedures thus carried over have died hard and very slowly. It is but recently that public libraries have ceased posting signs enjoining silence, and their librarians talking in whispers and shushing all makers of avoidable noise, and some still have their reference departments conducted very nearly like the work-rooms of a Trappist monastery.

This is the habit many librarians still have: shunning any and all publicity for fear of being thought exhibitionist because it may involve using their names and sometimes even quoting their opinions.

It's true that they are not alone in this prejudice. There are other people who also have the notion that publicity and modesty are incompatible.

Actually that is only an example of the queer things usage does to words. In its dictionary sense, publicity has nothing intrinsically immodest about it. The plain meaning of the word is simply having things publicly known. There are many things the public has a positive right to know, and many others it ought to be told. When making things known is a duty, or even merely advantageous to third persons or to a good cause, then the personal "modesty" that shrinks from it is misplaced.

Recognition of this fact has led to a characteristic human device. Publicity has had its name changed, and even professionals in the field often prefer to call their craft news service or public relations work, though the latter is really a much broader term. Public relations includes personal contacts and unadvertised services as well as publication in the more direct sense.

Whatever it is called, however, this making things publicly known is neither reprehensible nor praiseworthy in itself. Its legitimacy is determined by its purpose, and its value by the method of presentation.

Making things publicly known may have no legitimate purpose and no value to a library that has everything it wants and is in no danger of not having everything it may want in the future, and is not interested in public circulation. Information about such a library agent, indeed probably would, be of no interest to the public. But public libraries—

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Montana Libraries and Libr

Traveling eastward in the wide state of Montana, one can leave Billings and find few major libraries in the 300 plus miles of Eastern Montana. One of those libraries, a prize possession to the residents in their area, is the Carnegie Public Library in Miles City.

The early fathers of Miles City grasped eagerly the gift of the Andrew Carnegie Endowment, when they promised to maintain a library, should a building be built for that purpose. In 1952, Miles City library celebrated its 50th anniversary in proper library manner by a demonstration of its many services and activities.

Like all Montana libraries it has had a struggling existence, never for prestige and pride but from inadequate funds. With state laws to provide proper budget procedure, it soon began to take its proper place among the many fine libraries in Montana.

Mrs. Laura Zook, first librarian, dedicated her life to achieving library services for a growing community. She served from 1902 to 1943. Mrs. W. H. Whittier, on the staff as children's librarian and executive assistant, then became librarian. Mrs. Whittier, known as Sally by her many librarian associates, was responsible for the addition of the children's department as a separate identity. Her story hours, displays and exhibits have left their special mark. When in 1945 Mrs. Whittier's husband was transferred to Billings, Mrs. G. W. Ball became
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Above: Story Hour 1957, Cowboys and Indians. Right: Clare Smith, Librarian of the Miles City Carnegie Public Library. Below, left to right: The Miles City library building; Mrs. Emma Beckman, Kinsey Station Librarian, with Mrs. Smith; Children show the finished products at one of the library's story hours, where puppets are featured with the story telling.

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The year 1957 has been another stepping stone to the furthering of Miles City library service. July 1, the Board of County Commissioners contracted with the Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Public Library for county-wide service.

October 11, the first station in Custer County was ready for service in the Kinsey Store and Postoffice. New patrons crowded the spacious quarters and there is no doubt but that the new library will be a highly successful venture.

Early in September, Mrs. Schlosser told Mrs. Smith that the children's department was running short of books, with 20 to 30 teachers checking out 20 to 30 books at a time. It was a joy, Mrs. Smith reports, to be able to send an SOS to the State Extension Commission to borrow books until new orders could arrive. Rural children and rural teachers enjoy direct examination of books, if possible, and the speedier mail service from the county seat instead of the state library.

The Carnegie Public Library has many approaches to encourage reading and reading appreciation. In the children's department they boast of one of the finest puppet projects in the state. For the last ten years, under the direction of Mrs. Harry Schlosser, Children's Librarian, story book characters are brought to life on the puppet stage. The project begins every June when children make and act their string puppets on the stage. In August, a series of plays are produced for the public and again every afternoon during Book Week.

This fall a series of story hours was introduced under the direction of Mrs. Howard Goard. The first was for girls only who brought their favorite dolls. The stories were geared for the younger child and the "Lonely Doll" was the feature story. Sixty-five little girls with 65 dolls attended. It was followed by animal stories with toy animals, welcome to accompany their little masters. The picture of the story hour featuring "Cowboys and Indians" will show some of the 96 children in attendance. Upon the arrival of the new filmstrip projector, filmstrips will also be used at Story Hour Time.

The library cooperates with the American Association of University Women in conducting a Radio Book Quiz for grades two through six. This year the Book Quiz will also be viewed on television.

Not all the activities are for children only. The adult department sponsors an art exhibit every year and many fine exhibits have been displayed, not only of local artists but state-wide exhibits. The Camera Club and the Montana Institute of Arts are also encouraged to exhibit their work.

Trustees are Dr. E. H. Rowen, President; George Mott, Vice-President; Mrs. J. D. Scanlan, Secretary; Mrs. Ralph Bray, Jr., Treasurer; and Mrs. Kenneth M. Brown.

Staff members, in addition to Mrs. Smith, are Mrs. Harry Schlosser, Children's Librarian; Mrs. Howard Goard, Assistant Librarian; Mrs. Joseph Toennis, Clerk and Stenographer; and Miss Jo Anne Nation, Student Assistant.

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Public library income should and usually does come from tax funds. Tax appropriations depend on public support. Public support is not forthcoming without public interest. Public interest does not exist without public knowledge. And public knowledge of library services and needs is likely to be sketchy if it is based only on the observations of casual patrons.

The remedy lies in vigorously publicizing the library's present and potential services, and the cost thereof as compared with benefits. A good deal of that material will be acceptable to press and radio only if the source of the information can be named—you, or the department head who best knows the facts. Much of it will also be more readily accepted if you make yourself a good source of general news, library business or not.

Obviously, all this means that cases of conflict between personal modesty and library interests will arise, and one or the other will have to give way. Which does so is not only your own affair, but also your library's and—well?

A press-radio relations manual is in preparation for you, to help you in your contacts with these news outlets, but you need not wait for it to expand your use of them. Both press and radio pretty generally regard publishing library news as a public service, and they are pleased to get other news by the way. They will be happy to have you give them all the news you get, provided you give it to them promptly. If it interests you, it may interest others. If it interests others, it is news. And people like to get news while it is fresh.

Library Science Professor Visits State

Dr. Leon Carnovsky was on the campus of Montana State University October 24 and 25 to interview Kathleen Campbell, Richard Darling and Mrs. Ruth O. Longworth regarding library education in Montana. Dr. Carnovsky will prepare the article on Library Education in the Northwest which will be a part of the report of the Library Development Project of the Pacific Northwest Library Association.

Dr. Carnovsky is Professor of Library Science in the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago. He has written several books in the library field and has been a frequent contributor to library journals. He is one of the outstanding educators in the country.

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VIGILANTE DAYS AND WAYS REISSUED

A reissue of Langeford's **Vigilante Days and Ways** is now available from the Montana State University Press. This new edition of Montana's early history has an introduction by Dorothy M. Johnson.

NEW BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

By Dick and Persis Darling

This section, which your editor has asked us to do for each issue of **Montana Libraries,** is not going to try to cover all the new books that are appearing. There are plenty of places now where you can find reviews of the new children's books, **The Library Journal** and the **Booklist** to mention but two of several. Instead we are going to try to pick out a few books each issue which seem to us to be too good to miss for your children's collection.

When Dr. Seuss published his **The Cat in the Hat** last year we wondered what he could possibly do now. He had written a score of books of delightful whimsy, then a book for the young reader himself in **The Cat in the Hat.** Could even his fertile imagination offer something more? But our doubts were ill-founded. In **How the Grinch Stole Christmas!** he has now provided us with one of the funniest Christmas stories yet. From the moment we see the miserable Grinch in his cave above Who-ville on Christmas Eve, gazing down in grim design on the Christmas Eve festivities of the little town, we are captivated by this fast moving story, told as usual in the zany rhymes at which Dr. Seuss is so adept. Why did the Grinch hate Christmas? Our author is not sure, but he thinks "that the most likely reason of all may have been that his heart was two sizes too small." Every child, young or old, and especially those who can't bear to miss a Dr. Seuss title, will love this one. (Random House, $2.50. Published October 4, 1957.)

Another new one that will be no stranger on the children's shelves is Laurent de Brunhoff's **Babar and the Professor.** In this book the Old Lady returns bringing with her to Celesteville her brother, Professor Grifaton. The plot quickens when the elephant children, accompanying the professor on an expedition to catch butterflies, discover a large cave. The exploring party that is soon organized discovers, among other things, a statue of a giant mammoth deep in the cave and an underground river that leads them finally back to the open. Other happy events bring the book to a satisfactory ending. (Random House, $3.95. Published October 4, 1957.)

Just before Christmas is a good time to meet old friends. We hope that the children in your library will have a chance to become reacquainted with that delightful scamp, Curious George, sometime during this coming season. George is back in another hilarious adventure. George, in a space suit, becomes the first monkey hurtled into space in a rocket. On his return he is a hero and is awarded a medal. **Curious George Gets a Medal** will delight the pre-school group. (Houghton-Mifflin, $4.00. Published September 12, 1957.)

The next book is the one we feel to be the real find among the new fall books we have seen so far, and it is by an author whose books we have not read before—Barbee Oliver Carleton. **The Wonderful Cat of Cobbie Bean** is a fantasy set in old Salem in the days when

witches still preyed upon the good people of New England. Jacob Landau's illustrations add greatly to the excitement of the book. (John C. Winston, $2.00. Published October 1, 1957.)

Good books of verse for children are scarce indeed, but the fall books have brought one that can be recommended: **Poems to Grow On** by Jean McKee Thompson. The poems are chosen because of their inherent interest to children and at the same time show a nearly unfailing poetic quality. A few may be mere verse, but they are more than compensated for by the lyric loveliness of a poem like Walter de la Mare's "Seeds". The poems are divided into groups that follow the child's interests. (Beacon Press, $3.50. Published October, 1957.)

World Publishing Company provides two titles this fall that will be invaluable for reference and browsing in the children's room. **Prehistoric Man and the Primates** by William E. Scheele, Director of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, is a book of fascinating pictures with a simple but informative text, providing for the older child the extinct and the existing primates and the evolution of man. Edwin Tunis' **Colonial Living** is a very different kind of book in content, yet of interest for the same reasons. Again we have a wealth of illustrations, but this time they are pictures of all those things that our colonial ancestors used in their day to day living. Any child will be fascinated by these pictures and the text which describes the ways in which these articles were made and used. (Both books $4.95. **Colonial Living** published September 30, 1957. **Prehistoric Man** published October 15, 1957.)

An unusual science book in its approach to its subject is **Lens Magic** by Frances Rogers. This book tells the story of the way man used glass through the centuries to enable him to see better from the time man first discovered glass could be used to magnify down to the building of the largest reflector telescope on Mount Palomar. (J. B. Lippincott, $2.75. Published September 18, 1957.)

With Sputniks beeping above us the next two titles seem especially timely. Franklyn M. Branley's **Exploring by Satellite: the Story of Project Vanguard** (Thomas Y. Crowell, $3.00. Published October 15, 1957) provides, with clear illustrations and logical text, an explanation of the way in which a man-made satellite works, for the older child. **Rockets Through Space** by Lester Del Ray (Winston, $3.95. Published October 15, 1957) goes further and tells what science knows about the possibilities of travel to the moon and the planets. Both titles will be useful in helping to satisfy the insatiable curiosity of that seventh or eighth grade boy who dreams about a trip to Mars.

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RICHARD DARLING VISITS SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Richard Darling visited Libby, Whitefish and Big Fork schools as a school library consultant during October. The schools of the state are responding rapidly to the availability of consultant service for the school libraries, with several requests for consultant service during the remaining autumn months.

Montana's Parnassus

By Mrs. Robert F. Herrig

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The early morning sun slanted through the trees as we trundled along enjoying the freshness of a June morning in a heavily forested district of Lincoln County, the extreme northwest corner of Montana. As we approached a canyon section with an almost vertical wall high up on the right and just as sheer a drop on the left, a deer suddenly jumped onto the road and, evidently not wishing to try either the up or down, proceeded down the road ahead of us, first in a relaxed pace and finally in a bouncing gallop. About a half mile along brought us to a wider bench and the deer bounded off and disappeared. A short time later a black bear crashed through the underbrush and crossed the road in front of us in a great hurry. Numerous squirrels, chipmunks and gophers had raced across the road from time to time all along the way.

We (and assistant and I) were taking the Bookmobile on its second round in our county and were headed for the Yank School about 12 miles from the Canadian border and the same distance from Idaho. On our first trip May 10 we had found it necessary to take a longer road of 67 miles, but by this time the forest special service road had been cleared of the snow and slides so that it was a distance of 41 miles, most of the way through virgin timber.

Arriving at the one-room long schoolhouse we had just let down the steps when the first car arrived, a farmer and his wife from several miles up a dusty, dirt road. We gave out 51 books during our hour stay there and then went on down to Sylvanite School, 20 miles down the gravel highway when we loaned 93. Our last stop of the day was Leonia Central School, practically on the Idaho border, and there our circulation was 180. Schools are community centers so that is why we stopped there.

Having the use of the Bookmobile is a dream come true. We have had a County Library since 1920 but the taxable value is not large and the permissive levy does not bring in enough income to permit service to those living in isolated districts. Except for collections in the 13 rural schools during the winter months and a few individual family mailings, service was mostly given from the main library and its two branches, in the county seat and the other two small towns which comprise about three-fourths of the population.

This situation might have gone on indefinitely had not Congress passed the Library Services Act which for the next five years will assist by giving help to rural areas under 10,000 people. Our entire county population is under that figure. Under the Act each State Library Agency determines a plan which will benefit its area to the greatest and most lasting extent with its alloted share of the funds.

On Wheels

In Montana the State Library Extension Commission divided the state into nine possible districts with the idea that the libraries in each district form a voluntary federation for the purpose of central purchasing, cataloging and processing of books, thereby saving money by larger discounts because of larger volume, saving time and money by duplication of catalog cards and processing in one place. Pooling of book information and exchange of titles are additional possibilities. The time saved is badly needed to work with people and the money to provide more services. And, each federation is to have the use of a Bookmobile purchased by the state under the Library Services Act. These are to be on "permanent loan" as long as they are actively used, both during the supported demonstration period and afterwards.

Our Northwest Montana Federation of Libraries is composed of Flathead and Lincoln counties, there being two city libraries and the County Library in Flathead and our one county system in Lincoln. The two county libraries share the Bookmobile, covering the territory about every six weeks this summer, and hoping to cover it about every two months during the winter, depending on snow and ice conditions.

A mother with a problem boy assured us on the second trip that the Bookmobile "is a blessing" for her son has become interested in reading good books; a little old gentleman pensioner living thirty miles from town solemnly shook our hand and welcomed us back; a smart little pre-school girl excitedly picked out a large collection

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Children check out books from the Bookmobile during one of its stops Seated is Mrs. Inez Herrig, chairman of the Libraries Division of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and Coordinator of the Northwest Montana Federation of Libraries.

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which she will practically have memorized before our next trip—tthese and many more prove that the nearly thousand miles we cover (93 miles one way to one place) to serve these people are nothing compared to the fact that we are broadening their horizons and feeding their minds. There is nothing in library service that can compare with getting the books to the people.

Summer Library Workshops at MSU

Two library workshops will be held on the campus of Montana State University this summer: The Library Workshop from July 21 to August 1, 1958, and The School Library Workshop from August 4 to August 15, 1958.

The Library Workshop continues the series of three begun in the summer of 1957. This coming workshop will be devoted to problems involving the organization of library materials. It will be co-directed by Miss Carol Trimble, Librarian, Douglas County Library, Roseburg, Oregon, and Richard L. Darling, Assistant Professor, School of Education, Montana State University. It is open to any public or school librarian or teacher who has had nine quarter hours in library science or extensive experience in library work.

A special School Library Workshop will be offered August 4 to August 15. Enrollment will be accepted only on a limited and selective basis, and is open only to practicing Montana school and teacher librarians.

Further information on the workshops may be obtained by writing Mr. Darling.

Newsletter at Anaconda Library

Natalie Sliepcevich, librarian of the Hearst Free County Library at Anaconda is doing a fine job of interpreting her services with a monthly three-page news letter., It is a delightfully informal account of what is going on at her library: news releases, displays, and news of visitors to the library. We would like to see this example followed in all libraries in Montana as a big start towards a vastly expanded program of good public relations.

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OBSERVATIONS OF MONTANA DAY

Reports and pictures on the observation by libraries of Montana Day are arriving daily at the Commission. At Darby, the newly-developed library in Five Valleys Federation, Phyllis Twogood has an especially exciting report to share with us. We shall give you a fuller account in the next issue of **Montana Libraries.**

School Library Consultant Service

School library consultant service is now available to the schools of Montana. This service is being provided by Montana State College and Montana State University in cooperation with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Miss Eilene Morrison, Assistant Professor of Library Science, Montana State College, will visit schools in that area of the state closer to Bozeman, while Richard Darling, Assistant Professor of Library Education, Montana State University, will visit schools in the area closer to Missoula.

Administrators desiring this assistance should send their requests to the Dean of Education, Montana State College, or to the Director, Bureau of Educational Research and Service, Montana State University. Schools equidistant from Bozeman and Missoula may send requests to either school.

Traveling Exhibit of Children's Books

The Traveling Exhibit of Children's Books has been reorganized and placed on a new basis. The exhibit will be revised every three months so that it can be kept to a manageable size and truly represent the new books that are appearing. The collection is available for display purposes as before, but the schedule for reserving the collection is already filled until January. It will be necessary to plan your display well in advance and to reserve the exhibit for the dates you need it as far in advance as possible. Send your request to MSLEC where a schedule is kept.

MSLEC will continue to pay the postage when the collection is sent from the Commission Library. The library or school exhibiting the books will be expected to pay the return postage at the library book rate. You will be furnished with return labels, or, in many cases, labels addressed to the next user of the exhibit. The schedule for the collection is so tight that often you will be asked to send the books on to the next library on the schedule.

MISS CATHERINE WHITE RETIRES

Miss Catherine White, Assistant Librarian and Chief Reference Librarian at Montana State University, retired October 1. Not only was Miss White an outstanding reference and research librarian, but also she was recognized as an authority on Northwest History.

Miss White was a loyal and cooperative member of the University Library staff for thirty years, and she was untiring in her efforts to serve faculty and students. The affection and sincere good wishes of the Library staff go to Miss White upon the occasion of her retirement.

PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS COVERING THE YEAR 1956-1957

(Blank Spaces Indicate Incomplete Information)

City & Library	Librarian	Population Served*	Mill Levy	Total Income	Per Cap. Approp.	Vols. in Library	Circulation
Anaconda, Hearst Free Library	Natalie Sliepcevich	16,553	2.75	17,722.	1.07	21,134	36,349
Baker, Public Library	Mrs. Elmer Newell	1,772		500.	.28	5,185	4,165
Belfry, Public Library	Mrs. H. R. Routh	752	none	none	none	3,000	1,200
Big Timber, Carnegie Library	Mrs. Sarah Fallang	1,679	3.	3,745.	2.23	10,029	18,748
Billings, Parmly-Billings Memorial Library	Ann L. Whitmack	31,724	3.	100,670.	3.17	71,807	261,741
Bozeman, Public Library	Margaret Hileman	11,325	2.9	19,200.	1.70	14,283	75,083
Bridger, Community Library	Mrs. C. L. Tomlinson	854	none	none	none	8,000	4,200
Broadus, Powder River Public Library	Mrs. Mary Watters	750	.2	600.	.80	2,770	
Butte, Free Public Library	Mrs. Mary Walsh	48,422					
Chester, Liberty County Library	Lilly F. Eveland	2,180	.3	1,100.	.50	4,311	5,138
Chinook, Blaine County Library	Mrs. C. E. O'Brien	8,516	.72	6,300.	.74		20,033
Choteau, Public Library	Mrs. Clara M. Roberts	1,616		344.	.21	8,220	2,104
Circle, George McCone Memorial County Library	Mrs. Mabel F. Fillenworth	3,258	.5	2,347.	.72	9,337	15,580
Columbus, Stillwater County Library	Mrs. Helen Prichard	5,416	1.	7,200.	1.33	14,219	50,052
Conrad, City Library	Mrs. J. E. Ritchey	1,856	1.	82.	.04	5,676	
Culbertson, Public Library	Mrs. Katheryn Garbe	779	1.	300.	.39	3,317	7,315
Cut Bank, Glacier County Library	Mrs. Marie Zile	9,645	1.66	21,915.	2.27	30,813	88,375
Deer Lodge, William K. Kohrs Memorial Library	Mrs. Marion MacCalman	3,779	3.5	5,247.	1.39	11,288	9,611
Denton, Public Library	Mabel E. Rimby	435	2.	440.	1.01	1,600	
Dillon, Public Library	Mary L. Innes	3,268	3.	5,000.	1.53	18,774	12,946
Fairfield, Public Library	Mrs. Gladys B. Ellingson	693	.5			3,589	1,806
Fairview, High School Library	Mrs. Mary L. Kojancik	942	.0075	800.	.85	3,095	8,628

*1950 Census

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Forsyth, Rosebud County Library	Mrs. Cecille Winzeler	6,570				13,136	17,800
Ft. Benton, Chouteau County Free Library	Mrs. W. R. Hagie	6,974	1.2	13,550.	1.94	23,884	24,371
Froid, Public Library	Mrs. Gladys Krohmer	555				1,407	951
Glasgow, Carnegie City-County Library	Mrs. Helen M. Ewing	11,353	3.5	10,660.	.94	28,507	58,421
Glendive, Public Library	Mrs. Leon Coombs	5,254	2.6	10,855.	2.07	10,781	31,093
Great Falls, Cascade County Free Library	Mrs. Amy Patterson	13,813	.60	13,428.	.97	20,563	38,241
Great Falls, Public Library	Mrs. Alma S. Jacobs	39,214	3.5	107,740.	2.75	85,520	224,036
Hamilton, Public Library	Mrs. Floy Fitzgerald	2,678	2.5	3,900.	1.46	9,504	24,960
Hardin, Big Horn County Library	Mrs. Mildred Holland	9,824	.90	7,642.	.78	16,329	51,046
Harlowton, Public Library	Georgia R. James	1,733				7,670	14,283
Havre, Hill County Rural Library	Mrs. Marjorie J. Moores	6,199	.5	5,808.	.94	11,534	29,347
Havre, Public Library	Mrs. Mary Antunes	8,086	2.3	11,670.	1.44	18,415	44,774
Helena, Public Library	Mrs. Mabel T. Miller	17,581	1.74	21,000.	1.19	73,807	86,060
Hobson, Community Library	Mrs. Anthony Loebach	205		200.	.98	2,000	2,695
Hysham, Treasure County Library	Mrs. Vera Baxendale	1,402		65.	.05	1,282	
Jordan, Garfield County Free Library	Mrs. Doris M. Mart	2,172	.25	1,413.	.65	2,022	4,696
Kalispell, Carnegie City Library	Mrs. Jeane Sturdivant	9,737	3.	16,765.	1.72	27,031	95,247
Kalispell, Flathead County Free Library	Mrs. Mildred H. Grawe	18,490	1.029	19,257.	1.04	26,042	109,874
Laurel, Public Library	Frances Fenton	3,663		4,500.	1.23	9,806	21,683
Lewistown, Carnegie Public Library	Mrs. K. Elizabeth Pittman	6,573	3.	10,905.	1.66	16,070	64,878
Libby, Lincoln County Free Library	Mrs. Robert F. Herrig	8,693	1.7	16,636.	1.91	27,036	109,268
Livingston, Public Library	Mrs. Helen Ross	7,683	2.94	13,725.	1.79	14,747	87,142
Malta, Phillips County Library	Mrs. Eunice O. Ward	6,334		4,150.	.66	10,551	21,948
Miles City, Carnegie Public Library	Mrs. Clare M. Smith	9,243	3.	15,505.	1.68	18,262	58,986
Missoula, Public Library and County Free Library	Evelyn L. Swant	35,493	1.96 1.211	41,108.	1.16	77,167	176,610
Park City, Smeltzer Memorial Library	Nelle Nelson	380					

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Philipsburg, Free Library	Mrs. Frances H. Harrington	1,048		240.	.23	2,000	350
Plains, Public Library	Mrs. Frances Cone	714	3.	1,033.	1.45	4,984	6,400
Plentywood, Sheridan County Free Library	Mrs. Dorothy Anhalt	6,674	.5	5,500.	.82	7,500	27,000
Polson, City Library	Mrs. Mildred Pillotte	2,280	1.5	2,778.	1.22	13,067	21,989
Poplar, City Library	Mrs. Kate L. Hanson	1,169	.5	754.	.64	3,590	5,254
Red Lodge, Carnegie Library	Mrs. Marian E. Adams	2,730	3.	3,270.	1.20	8,207	13,346
Ronan, City Library	Lillian Flanagan	2,280	2.5			4,300	110
Roundup, Public Library	Mrs. Stanley Peterson	5,408	.75	720.	.13	7,240	16,160
Scobey, Daniels County Free Library	Mrs. Bernice M. Sorte	3,946	.28	1,421.	.36	9,304	5,037
Shelby, Toole County Free Library	Mrs. W. M. Black	6,687	.25	6,016.	.90	16,387	26,493
Sidney, Public Library	Mrs. Sarah T. Kittleson	3,987	2.33	4,824.	1.21	10,872	26,289
Stanford, Judith Basin County Free Library	Mrs. Elva R. Wineman	3,200	.67	6,500.	2.03	11,695	19,708
Superior, Mineral County Public Library	Mrs. Victor Hardman	2,081	.86	2,589.	1.24	5,891	7,378
Terry, Public Library	Mrs. Verna W. Hoagland	2,377	.6	2,422.	1.02	7,886	11,816
Thompson Falls, City Library	Mrs. Vera Kemmerer	815	2.	788.	.97	4,200	
Townsend, Broadwater County Library	Mrs. Florence Muzzy	1,574	.43	1,687.	1.07	5,567	19,562
Twin Bridges, Public Library	Mrs. May Lunger	497	2.	400.	.80	7,550	500
Virginia City, Thompson-Hickman Free County Library	Mrs. Florence J. Thomas	5,998		1,890.	.32	7,048	4,369
Whitefish, Public Library	Mrs. Mabel Engelter	3,268	3.5	4,671.	1.43	9,400	20,208
White Sulphur Springs, Meagher County Public Library	Mrs. Martha L. Dunkel	1,025	2.	600.	.59	7,726	3,692
Wibaux, Women's Club Library	Mrs. D. L. Collins	739		360.	.49	3,850	2,400
Wisdom, Public Library	Mrs. George Cottrell	819	none	none	none	1,466	280
Wolf Point, Roosevelt County Library	Mrs. Berenice A. Hanson	9,580	.63	9,300.	.97	13,438	33,594

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N.L.W.—A Golden Opportunity

National Library Week represents the creative participation of more librarians than any program ever undertaken in the U. S. A. Highest level business and government officials are giving the week full support. Twenty-two national publications with a combined circulation of over 80 million have carried long articles on the week and on the importance of reading. Every radio and television station, every major newspaper will give space and time to nation-wide publicity.

In Montana the Jaycees have adopted OPERATION LIBRARY as a project. First of their activities will be to take the lead in this observance of National Library Week to make it a most memorable event in every part of the state. They will seek the help of all local organizations and all individuals in their area to make this a time of real significance to every resident in Montana. Let us be sure that we take full advantage of this golden opportunity to point up the importance of books and reading and the vital need that libraries fill in our communities.

Librarians can consult their state ALA Library Week Chairmen about developing and carrying out Library Week events in their own communities—open houses, contests, broadcasts, forums, special bookmobile tours.

Teachers and school librarians can arrange classroom programs with material from professional and popular magazines; plan school library open houses; supply reading lists.

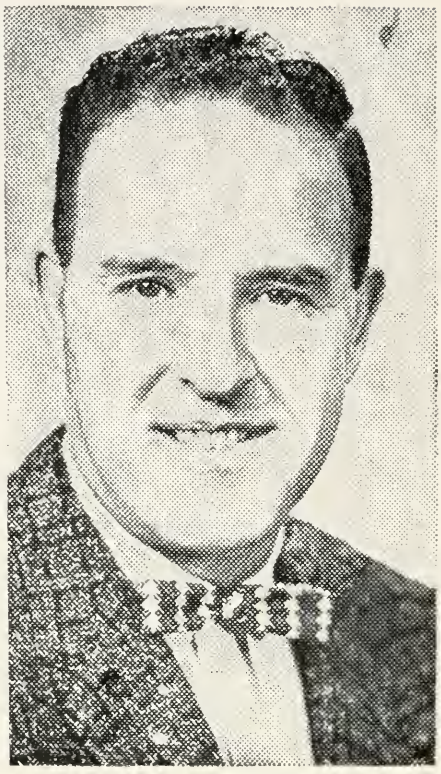
Parents can take the family to Library Week events; browse with the children in libraries and bookstores; check local school and public library facilities and work to better them; support local library budget drives; foster home libraries and family reading hours.

Everybody can take time out for reading—and rediscover the delights and challenge of the written word!

—R. O. L.

Let's Wake Up and Read

By H. Eugene Miles
Library Week State Chairman



H. Eugene Miles

I want you to look at the people around you, your friends, relations, associates, neighbors and co-workers. Do they look like fairly typical Americans? Well, if they are, and if you are, sixty percent of you—three out of five of you—have not read a single book in the past year except the Bible. And only seventeen percent—only one of every six people—are reading a book at the present time. Just one out of every ten has visited a library during the year.

Does this sound incredible? These are actual findings of recent Gallup polls and library surveys. Every other major English-speaking country has a better reading record. A British poll found three times as many people reading.

True, more books are being published today than ever before. Magazine and newspaper circulations are higher. But in this age of a thousand distractions—when we are bombarded with entertainment all day long—we wonder if reading is keeping pace with other leisure-time activities.

Of course many people may say, how important is it anyway? We can get our culture in capsules these days . . . Flash bulletins, illustrated diagrams, movies that cover the history of Western man in 120 minutes. How much do we really need reading?

To find out, we must ask who is affected by reading in every community.

It matters to parents—mothers and fathers who see their children bored with easy entertainment, but unable to use imagination to supply their own. These children have become the wildest generation in history, in their restless search for excitement, but have not tried unlocking the excitement in books.

It matters to businessmen—who need employees who are able to read and absorb material intelligently . . . Job holders with the powers of concentration that reading can develop.

It matters to the community leaders among you. For the causes you care about, you need public backing—support that can only come from people who read enough background to understand the issues.

It matters to teachers, terribly. In the coming universal education, they cannot cope with huge numbers of students who have no com-

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Operation Library

By Dr. John Barnett
Operation Library Chairman
Montana Jaycees

Dr. John Barnett

"Operation Library," a new project for 1958, is being inaugurated by the Montana Junior Chamber of Commerce in communities throughout the state, and is dedicated to the improvement and expansion of library facilities.

It all began in the little Arkansas city of West Memphis during the summer of 1955 when the local Jaycee chapter responded to a plea for help in undertaking a library improvement program. The club sponsored a one mill tax levy, paving the way for the appointment of a board of library trustees, increased service, new quarters and plans for a new library building.

Working on their own local problem made the West Memphis Jaycees aware of the need for improved library facilities throughout the state. The Arkansas Jaycee board of directors adopted "Operation Library" as a state project that same year, and this was the beginning of the most successful state-wide project sponsored in the history of the Arkansas Jaycees.

Impressed with the national possibilities for civic service, the Arkansas Jaycees convinced the national board of directors of the value of this program, and it became a national project on July 28, 1956.

The first Jaycee library brochure was distributed to all local chapters in January, 1957, and the same startling results that had been realized in Arkansas were repeated from coast to coast

The program has been readopted nationally this year, and a high point in this year's efforts will be National Library Week, March 16-22. All local Jaycee chapters in Montana have been urged to work closely with their local libraries in promoting this observance.

Since "Operation Library" is the first concrete Jaycee program in the educational field, it has been welcomed by members throughout the state. In addition to enlisting Jaycee aid to promote National Library Week, the program will be expanded by local chapters according to the needs and desires of community libraries.

"Operation Library" has been endorsed by the American Library Association, the National Book Committee and SLEC.

The Jaycees grasp eagerly this opportunity to aid Montana libraries in bringing books and people together.

Institute of State Field Consultant Services

ALA PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

Gretchen Knief Schenk sends greetings to all her good Montana friends. The institute which she so ably directed was a most stimulating experience to the many of us who attended. Very nearly every state in the Union was well represented.

The objective of the workshop was to provide an opportunity for the new field consultant to analyse and understand his role; the experienced field consultant to reassess his role; the theme: The purpose of consultants work is to create and nourish a climate of acceptance of good library service.

The workshop opened with a detailed consideration of the philosophy of the consultant and the unique role he plays, pointing up the necessity of a strong sense of purpose. An awareness of community needs and a knowledge of the type of community and its people, the ability to work with other community groups and to make an intelligent analysis of the community was brought out in the succeeding days. The job of selling good library service through "Public Library Service" and thus creating a climate of acceptance was thoroughly investigated and followed by detailed advice on equiping the field consultant —with everything from aspirin to typewriters.

Memorable indeed was the final talk by Dr. Robert D. Leigh on "The Challenge to Libraries and Consultants in Tomorrow's U. S. A." After three days of intensive preoccupation with ways and means of getting people to take steps that would give them better library service, it was good to be reminded that people are averse to change and that in a free society, we have as our first duty the consideration of rights of the individual. What Dr. Leigh was reminding us was that we can only achieve worthwhile goals if we succeed in fostering "a climate of acceptance," in influencing people to want what is best. If we achieve cooperation through other means, we are very likely to lose more than we can possibly gain.

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URGE FULL APPROPRIATION!

It is of utmost importance that our Congressmen from Montana hear from you, urging the FULL appropriation of $7,500,000 to implement the Library Services Act. We know that our Montana Congressmen are sponsors of the Bill, and are doing their best to secure the full appropriation, but they need an expression from you to lend weight to their request. Let's get the letters rolling!

MSLA Annual Meeting

May 2, 3 and 4, Billings

Billings is preparing to lay out that welcome mat for our visit and you can hear sounds of their activity throughout the state. Make your plans now and be there in time to participate in every activity.

Perhaps your president's plans are too ambitious but she is having fun with her theme **Libraries Reach Out.** It follows the **Know and Grow** of 1956, and the **Know Your Community** of 1957. Their emphasis on technical processes and library organization prepared the way for a good look at people and books this year. Librarians can bring them together. We have urged people to "Wake Up and Read." They are aware, alert, awake. Now is the time to grasp this golden opportunity. Let us be up and at it!

The book exhibits are a fine part of our meetings and those who can may want to see them on Friday morning. Take advantage of this fine book selection help.

Meetings always offer those person to person discussions of nagging library problems. The solutions are much easier if you share your worries, and you never know when you may be able to help someone else, too.

Authors are wonderful people. My plans include an author's banquet as a special feature. This will be a fine opportunity to hear them discuss their work as writers.

In several sessions the school librarians are sharing with us their distinguished guest, Miss Mary Helen Mahar from the United States Office of Education. Schools and school libraries are the business of every citizen; librarians are citizens. Good school libraries and good community libraries work together to strengthen each other. According to the school census for 1955-56 there are 90,274 children under school age in Montana and there are 126,195 children aged 6-15 in school. These folks must enjoy their share of our public libraries. Do our programs really include them? At what age should libraries invite them in? With our growing youth population librarians might give serious consideration to the topic "Programs for Children vs. Adult Education Plans."

These are some of the questions and ideas that have shaped the program for May 2, 3, 4. Want to come?

Doris E. Wilson, President,
Montana State Library Association.

Full plans for the annual meeting will be published in the Montana Library Quarterly which will be mailed the last of March.

Magic for the Young:

By Richard L. Darling

Every librarian feels that if only the youngest children could be lured into the library and made to truly love it, they would be library users for life. The fine books are there. When the children are surrounded by them, they are almost sure to come to love them. And the story hour provides just that opportunity to bring child and book together. It is the magic door through which the child may enter the world of books. It can be the memorable experience, filled with delight and wonder, that will bring the child back, again and again, to the world of literature and of imagination.

But the story hour must be truly magic. Second-best is not good enough. Here there is no place for the merely mundane. Here there is no place for the mediocre. When we watch a magician and can see the sleight of hand, the flimsy card-up-sleeve trick, we know we are being cheated. So it is with the child, invited to the world of magic, who sees the creaking of the machinery, the preparation that has been inadequate. He knows that he is being offered second-best. And worse than that, he suspects, rightly perhaps, that he is offered second-best because he is a child. Then the magic has vanished, and the child will come no more.

Rather we must make the children's story hour the very best we have to offer. Into it must go our finest selection, our highest taste. To it we must bring the love of countless hours of arduous labor. The magic of the story hour is not a gift from on high. No! It is the fruit of the preparation that we demand of an artist. The secret of the artist lies not in a mysterious talent. It lies in the hard work he devotes to the accomplishment of his art.

The selection of the stories is not a difficult task. Many good collections of tales for telling are available. One can use the older stories, Grimm, the Norwegian tales of Asbjornsen and Moe, Jacob's **English Fairy Tales,** Hatch's **Danish Fairy Tales,** or newer collections such as Courlander's Indonesian tales in **Kantchil's Lime Pit.** And there are several good indexes to stories for telling, all of them inexpensive. The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Boys' and Girls' Department published an index of this sort for less than $2.00. In selecting the actual stories there are only a few basic principles that need to be followed.

First of all, pick a story that suits you. Each of us has stories that he can tell better than he can others. Some stories we have heard others tell, we find ourselves uncomfortable with. One of us can tell a story filled with broad humor. Another tells a delicate and poignant story with greater ease. Some stories we may never be able to tell

The Story Hour

with that feeling of perfect naturalness that we desire. But practice will enable us to broaden our reportoire. Then you must pick a story that suits the age group for which the story hour is planned. Some stories are suitable for all ages. Others are suited to a younger or older group. If you find it difficult to tell stories to groups including a wide age range, it will be desirable to consider the possibility of having separate story hours for different groups, perhaps on alternate weeks.

The third principle, and equal in importance to the first two, is that the literary quality of the stories be the finest. Enough good stories are available that we need never use the mediocre. We want to avoid the purely sensational story, the merely sentimental story. Instead, choose those stories that have been recorded by the story collectors with the greatest skill. The story should have the simplicity of straightforward plot, moving in a logical sequence of events, to a satisfying climax. There should be no incident, no character, who is not essential to the movement of the story. There should be a rising level of interest, of suspense. And the story should be rounded out with an ending that rounds off the story.

In a way, the beginning and ending of the story are the two most important parts. The beginning must catch the listener's attention quickly and, at the same time, must provide him with the information he needs to know about leading characters, setting, time, and the possible direction of events. It must be terse, and yet complete. The ending must be brief also, but the problem is different. What we want to know really is what happened afterward. But we want to know so quickly that we will feel no anti-climax after the high excitement of the climax. Many story-tellers spend more time preparing the beginning and ending than they do preparing the rest of the story.

Once the stories have been picked, the rest is hard work. Each story must be learned carefully, so that it can be told with an art that will seem artless. We hear the term "born-story teller" frequently. But when you remember those natural story tellers you have heard, you do

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NEW BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

By Dick and Persis Darling

The books we are discussing this month represent a wide variety in age levels and in types of books. One or two of the books go back to summer, but most of them have appeared in the last few months. One is a reprint, but a very special reprint. Another is a collection of old tales with thrilling illustrations. We have a biography for the older children, and an exciting tale about a witch.

Little Bear by Else Homelund Minarik, with illustrations by Maurice Sendak, is a book to take a place beside Dr. Seuss's **Cat in the Hat.** This is another book for the first grade age to read to themselves. Actually the book consists of four little stories about Little Bear, one in which he discovers that he doesn't need clothes to be warm, another in which he makes Birthday Soup, a third in which he tries to fly to Mars, and a last story, in which he gets his wish. The book does not have the same rollicking humor we find in **Cat in the Hat,** but it does have a quieter kind of humor and far more zest than the vapid stories in beginning readers. Maurice Sendak's illustrations, filled with delightfully human animals, are even more charming than the text.

Eve Titus has provided another adventure of her cheese-tasting mouse, Anatole in **Anatole and the Cat.** Anatole, justly famous as cheese taster at the factory of M. Duval, finds that life is more complicated when the cheese factory's owner accidentally leaves his pet cat in the factory one night. But Anatole solves the mouse's age old problem by finally belling the cat. But in his confusion he almost wrecks the cheese business. All ends happily when, the cat belled, Anatole has a cheese named after him.

The reprint we mentioned is a new edition of Pooh. **Winnie the Pooh** and **The House at Pooh Corner** are combined in one volume called **The World of Pooh.** All the original Ernest Shepard pictures are here, but something more has been provided. Shepard has done several new plates in full color, and these pictures have the same flavor as the older ones in black and white. They add a perfect touch to an old favorite.

Gustaf Tenggren's **Golden Tales from the Arabian Nights** includes ten of the most famous of the tales from **A Thousand and One Nights.** "Aladdin and his Wonderful Lamp," "Sinbad the Sailor," and "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves," are only the best known of the group. All of them will have the same interest to the six to twelve year olds. From the simple "Caliph and the Cucumbers," to the complex "Serpent Queen" these stories are filled with magic. The Tenggrgen illustra-

tions are stylized in the manner of Oriental painting. The trade edition is not sturdy enough for library use, but a re-inforced library edition is available.

Robert McCloskey has done something entirely different in **Time of Wonder.** In this book he evokes the feeling of his island home in Maine. This is not a book that will appeal to every child, perhaps not even too many. But it is a beautiful book. The pictures are in water color. They give us the McCloskey summer home in sunshine, in fog, and even in a hurricane. The prose is almost poetic, evoking emotion rather than telling a story. Sensitive children should find it appealing.

A story-telling cobbler is the hero of Alison B. Alessios' **The Singing Shoemaker.** Manolis, the shoemaker, having run out of stories, sets off through his native land to learn new stories to tell in his own village. After many adventures he returns to his own village with a new stock of stories he has learned along the way. This is for the eight to ten year olds.

The excitement begins in Mary Norton's **Bebknob and Broomstick** when the Wilson children, Carey, Charles, and Paul, discover that Miss Price, a sweet spinster who gives piano lessons, is actually a witch. That poor lady has fallen from her broomstick and injured her ankle. In order to keep the children from revealing her secret Miss Price casts a spell on a bed-knob so that by twisting the bed-knob the children can go anywhere they wish in the present or the past. They go to the most harrowing places. Children who enjoyed **The Borrowers** are going to enjoy this book too.

Chicago and the great Columbian Exposition of 1893 provide the setting for Robert Lawson's **The Great Wheel.** Back in Ireland Conn's Aunt Honora had told his fortune. "One day you'll ride the greatest wheel in all the world," she had said. The prophecy seemed a strange one until Conn found himself helping to build the world's largest Ferris wheel at the great fair. The illustrations are Lawson's own. The same humor and affection are in them that were in the pictures for **Rabbit Hill.** It is a great pity that this fine book is the last one we shall have from Robert Lawson's pen. It is a book for the older children, and one that adults might well enjoy.

Undersea Explorer is a biography for the young about Captain Jacques Cousteau whose adult **The Silent World** made us aware of the adventure of deep-sea diving by aqua-lung. This book, by James Dugan, is well enough written. But it is the thrilling life of Cousteau himself that will make this book so fascinating to children, especially boys from fifth or sixth grade up. Recounted in detail are the salvaging of a munitions ship sunk in 1941 and the discovery of a merchant ves-

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Montana Libraries and Lib

Community interest in the need and value of a good library has always be
of Valley County residents as evidenced in the growth of the City-County L
in the Northeast corner of the wide open spaces of Montana.

In 1904, through the efforts of Mrs. T. M. Patton, it began in one room of
building. It was established as a city institution in 1906; the gift of the An
was received in 1907 and the present building erected in 1908. Miss Sophie
service to the city library and is fondly remembered by countless Glasgow

Sparked by the efforts of the Home Demonstration Clubs and the Wom
came city-county in 1945. The Western Room, dedicated in 1949 as a memo
who lost their lives in World War II, was the special project of librarian Mrs.
Rene Sala.

Helen Ewing became librarian in August, 1950, coming from Wolf Point
the Roosevelt County Library.

Mrs. Ewing is a native Montanan born on the "Richest Hill on Earth." S
the University of Montana and a B.S. degree in library science from Carnegi
Institute of Technology. She organized two high school libraries in Pennsyl
from Carnegie Tech and was teacher-librarian for several years.

Her club actviities have included being president of the Wolf Point se
dent of the Wolf Point PTA, president of the Glasgow PTA, president of the
now president of the Glasgow branch of the AAUW.

Now serving her second term on the SLEC, she says, "I am truly grate
tunity to serve on the Commission especially at such an important time in th
tana and the nation."

Her husband, R. L. (Bob) Ewing, a civil engineer, followed his vocation
the northwest states, and is now special agent for the Treasure State Life In
eastern Montana. Their son, Donald Angus, is now with the armed forces

Mrs. Ewing reports that circulation has zoomed from 15,000 in 1950 to
cluding the number of times books are circulated in the neighborhood afte
library. Valley County residents make the library a part of their shoppi
or more volumes for a month with the assurance that if they get stuck in a
will not be penalized. They appreciate the courtesy and try earnestly to
get a new selection.

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Above, Mrs. Richard Leisher, now of Salt Lake City, decorates the new children's room. At right, librarian Helen Ewing. At bottom, from left to right: the Glasgow library building; corner of the new children's room; during open house at the children's room.

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All of the rural teachers take advantage of the wide variety of children's books and take out as many as 50 at a time. These may be kept as long as desired.

Summer story hour is held each Saturday morning during June, July and August. Attendance has been between 80 and 100 each session and more young people are expected next summer because of the additional space provided by the new Children's Room. Mrs. Ewing has a weekly radio program over KLTZ which features stories for young people.

Teen-agers swarm to the library for reference material as well as recreational reading and are enjoying their "Teen-Center" which was formerly the Children's Room.

"We are proud of the service our small staff is able to provide our patrons," Mrs. Ewings says, "and very proud of the use they make of it."

Staff members in addition to Mrs. Ewing are Kay Brown, high school senior; Ann Hanson and Mary White, both high school juniors.

Board members are Mrs. H. C. Scharnweber, chairman, Mrs. Thomas Dignan, Sr., Mrs. C. A. Dunnell, Leonard H. Langen and Warren Watson.

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Progress Under Library Services Act

The report of John Lorenz, Assistant Director of the Library Services Branch, to the membership at the ALA mid-winter conference shows amazing progress toward better services under the Library Services Act.

State appropriations have increased over 1956 in the amount of $1,919,808. (Montana has not yet contributed to this figure, unfortunately. Only Guam and Alaska have a smaller budget for the State Agency.) 7,217,399 people in the United States, earlier without service or with inadequate service, now have vastly improved library service. 182 new personnel have been added under LSA, 2,623,680 books have been added, this last an approximate figure, taking $2.50 as the average cost per book.

State Agencies have been taxed to the utmost to make these huge gains in development. Mr. Lorenz quoted a new consultant who told him: "I don't know **what** is the matter. I've only been working for two months and I am already six months behind."

Let's Wake Up And Read

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mon reading experience to build on . . . students who may never have read one book all the way through, outside of classwork.

It matters to doctors, to social workers, to ministers—all those who deal with human suffering. Every day they see people with desperate problems and lacking the inner resources to face them. They have not learned to draw strength and courage from others who have lived through crises and written about it.

So you see, all of us have a stake in the growth of reading today. And a committee of leaders from every field—education, business, labor, writing, publishing—can help us to do something about it.

This group, the National Book Committee, is joining the American Library Association in a vast, nation-wide reading campaign—to increase the number of readers in America—to expand use and support of libraries.

The drive is using every possible mass resource to bring home to the millions the value of the printed word—the importance of libraries. It will reach a climax with the first National Library Week, March sixteenth through twenty-second.

Activities to promote reading are going on all over the country. Here in Montana the State Junior Chamber of Commerce is coordinating its **Operation Library** program with National Library Week, which Dr. John P. Barnett, State Jaycee Chairman of Operation Library, has explained in his article. The librarians, Montana State PTA, Montana Federation of Women's Club, AFL-CIO, State Historical Society, Montana Chamber of Commerce, and other State organizations will be asked to participate in National Library Week. Every community will be encouraged to have reading nights, library open houses, book fairs, and various other activities to stimulate interest in National Library Week and to help it reach its goal.

We want this week to be a festival of reading . . . a celebration of the printed word . . . seven days when people will think about reading, talk about reading, consider what it means in their lives—and READ!

Standing ready to guide and stimulate this reading revival are our school and public libraries. Their professional standards are higher, their programs more varied, than ever before. During Library Week here in Montana we will have a chance to learn about their services, and to build up the continuing support they need and deserve.

If this campaign can start America on its way back as a nation of readers, every community will feel the impact in years ahead. More discerning readers of newspapers and magazines will give us more well-informed voters. Youngsters who discover the mental challenge of reading will have a better chance to get into over-crowded colleges. Industry will find its job-holders better able to grasp the masses of information needed today. Libraries will have more readers for their books, and will provide even more books for their readers.

All of you today can be part of this upsurge of reading by joining in the events of National Library Week.

Magic For The Young

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not remember something artistic. Rather you remember a story that was repetition, that devoted too much time to irrelevant incidents that delayed and impeded the progress of the story. The person who earns the description, born story teller, is more likely a person who has spent long hours achieving the simplicity that seems artless. This is something we all can do, if we but devote to it the energy it requires.

Some story-tellers, such as the justly famous Marie Shedlock, mem orize their stories sentence by sentence, paragraph by paragraph. But that is the most difficult way to prepare a story and probably not the best method for most of us. Rather, we should strive to learn our stories incident by incident rather than memorizing the story. Start by reading the story over and over until you can write down in outline form the sequence of events that make up the story. When you know the outline thoroughly, when you have committed to memory the skeleton of the story, then you can begin the process of putting meat on the bones. Begin repeating the story aloud, filling in, in your own words, the sights and sounds, the conversations and the descriptions of actions. If there is verse, or a repeated charm, this will have to be memorized. After a number of tellings you will find that the story begins to come smoothly, without hestitation. You will be ready to examine your own telling to find the spot where the words can be improved, or where the action can be speeded up. You can find the spots where a gesture, however slight, will add to the effect. You can add the essential brief pauses, momentary to be sure, that permit the suspense to rise. The development of these special techniques are the difference between the good and the great story teller.

The voice need be no problem. All that is required for good storytelling is a pleasant voice, well-modulated. The dramatic use of the voice so necessary on the stage, is out of place in the intimacy of the story hour. Also to be avoided is that oily, unctuous quality of voice that is so filled with condescension. Speak naturally, as you would talk to an audience of your contemporaries.

With the stories prepared, you are ready for the program at the library. Such story hours should have adequate and good publicity. Keep the local paper informed of the stories to be told each week. Announce the program with a big sign in the library, changed each week. Keep the children's room or the children's corner attractive, with pleasing exhibits, and clean and beautiful books. If you have the book available that includes the story you are telling, or a beautifully illustrated edition of the story, display it prominently, so that the children see that they can read this story again. Draw their attention to the books.

Above all, the children should be made to feel at home in the library. They should be made to feel that the library is really theirs. If they are noisy before the story-hour begins, they will be quiet enough while the stories are told. Make them feel that the story-hour is something very special, something special that is truly theirs. You will have given them magic, the magic of imagination, and of the oldest, and still one of the finest, of all the arts.

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New Books For Children

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sel sunk more than 200 years before Christ was born. The book is illustrated with excellent photographs.

John Gunther's **Meet North Africa** launches a new series, Meet the World. If other books are as successful this should be a worth while group of books. This book deals with Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, and Morocco. The material is based on Gunther's **Inside Africa,** but includes much additional material to help children understand the problems of North Africa today. This book should be useful to children in junior and senior high school, especially, but also for fifth and sixth graders.

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MRS. HERRIG GUEST OF IDAHO

Mrs. Robert Herrig, coordinator of the Northwest Montana Federation of Libraries, was guest speaker at the Idaho State Library Planning Committee at Boise, January 9 through 11. Mrs. Merlin Moore, President of the American Association of Library Trustees, scheduled as speaker, was unable to attend because of sudden illness in her family.

Mrs. Herrig saved the day for Idaho, as witness the excerpt from a letter of Eugene Hart, State Librarian, to the Secretary of SLEC: "We wish to thank you for having made Mrs. Inez Herrig available to use for the conference in Boise. As you well know, Inez is equal to any occasion and she responded beautifully. We couldn't have been more fortunate; not only did we obtain a very fine and inspiring speaker, but we learned what is being planned and what is being accomplished in Montana."

News From SLEC . . .

The headquarters staff is now enjoying spacious new quarters at South Avenue and Middlesex in Missoula. New shelving and new lights have been provided and efficiency of operation has been increased to a marked degree.

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A Library Problems Clinic conducted by Dick Darling was held at Headquarters on Saturday, February 8, for all librarians and board members of the Five Valleys and Northwest Montana Federation. Attendance was excellent and comment most enthusiastic.

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Visits by the Secretary have been made to Winnett, Lewistown, Great Falls, Cut Bank, Superior, Hamilton, Plains, Bozeman, and on the return trip from the Chicago mid-winter meeting of ALA, to Glendive, Terry, Sidney and Wibaux. Friendly cooperation is in the air. The need for improved service is of growing concern throughout Montana and invitations to visit new areas come into the Commission headquarters each week.

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Ravalli County has new friends of the Library group. Dr. W. N. Jellison is temporary chairman, Pat Collins, librarian at the U. S. Public Health Service Laboratory, secretary. The association has scheduled a full organization meeting at an early date and plans as its first step to work in close accord with the local Operation Library Chairman to feature National Library Week.

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POSTAL RATE BILL--H. R. 5836

All libraries which use the U. S. Mail service to borrow or lend books (and this includes the large number of you who borrow from SLEC) are due for a rude shock should **Postal Rate Increase Bill H. R. 5836** as it now stands be enacted into law in 1958.

If this happens, there will be a 25 percent increase in the book rate. Write and express your sentiments to:

Olin D. Johnson, chairman of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee; Richard L. Neuberger, Ralph W. Yarborough, Frank Carlson, Thurston B. Morton.

WINNETT GAINS LIBRARY

Winnett, county seat of Petroleum County, has a new library. A bequest of $4,500 gave the necessary impetus and legal steps have been taken to establish the library as a city institution with a contract for service with the county. Mrs. Florence Kindt is the librarian.

The Soil Conservation Service donated to the city the sturdy building which is now in the process of being remodeled and attractively decorated.

The libraries of Great Falls, Lewistown and Glacier County are sharing a good supply of currently popular reading material—duplicate copies of gift books, all fresh and new and in plastic jackets. SLEC will place a wide assortment of juvenile and adult titles for a long term loan, until careful book selection can be made using local funds. Mrs. Kindt will be provided by the Commission with all of the recommended aids for book selection.

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MRS. GRAYBILL ATTENDS A.L.A.

Mrs. Leo C. Graybill, trustee of the Great Falls Public Library, attended the winter meeting of A.L.A. at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago from January 26 to February 1.

Mrs. Graybill was invited by Mrs. Merlin M. Moore, president of the American Association of Library Trustees, to represent Montana library trustees at the meeting. Mrs. Graybill is membership chairman of the Trustees Association for Montana.

Margery Vivian, Associate Librarian of MSC, also attended the A.L.A. mid-winter conference.

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NEED HELP WEEDING?

Discarding worn-out and obsolete books is one of the most important—and most difficult—jobs for the busy librarian. At least 5 percent should be discarded every year to give place to attractive, up-to-date material. If you need help in weeding, write to us at SLEC. We will be happy to assist you.

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DIRECTORY CORRECTION

In your Directory of Montana Libraries, please make the following correction: Denton Public Library, Mabel Rinby, Librarian.

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(The following article about books for children was written by Janie Smith, head of the children's department of the Charleston Free Library and appeared in the News and Courier.)

As we have read the articles about the Bobbsey Twins recently published in the News and Courier, we remembered an account that appeared years ago in Fortune—April, 1934.

The article entitled "For It Was Indeed He," told of Edward Stratemeyer, the author of the Bobbsey Twins, who wrote under hundreds of nom de plumes, Laura Lee Hope being one of them. Other well known pseudonyms were Arthur M. Winfield (Rover Boys), Victor Appleton (Tom Swift), Clarence Young (Motor Boys), Roy Rockwood (Bomba), Carolyn Keene (Nancy Drew).

"For It Was Indeed He" begins with a quotation from Anthony Comstock's "Traps for the Young". "The cheap works of fiction pervert taste. They defraud the future man or woman by capturing and enslaving the young imagination. Wild fancies and exaggerations supplant aspirations for that which ennobles and exalts."

The article goes on to tell of the work of that Homeric scribe, Edward Stratemeyer. The substances of this well documented and scholarly article were revealing.

Stratemeyer either wrote himself or conceived for others to write over 800 books. He employed hack writers to whom he would give a three-page typewritten outline in which the time elements, names of characters, their destinies, were logically arranged.

These hacks were given from a week to a month to enlarge the outline into a book. Upon completing a job, writer was given from $50 to $250, and he released all claims to ownership. These hirelings were merely cogs in a machine. Stratemeyer never allowed them to meet one another in his office. They saw him only by appointment and the appointments never overlapped.

These books have few pretentions to literary excellence. They are accounts of the superhuman exploits of adolescent heroes, whose deeds surpass those of the bravest and most sagacious men.

The nucleus of each theme is that a hero cannot fail. Holding each volume together are the threads of some hair-raising adventure. The action whirls lickety-split like an express train from the first to the last chapter.

Before speaking further of Stratemeyer, however, there should be said something about his predecessor, Gilbert Patten, probably the first wrtier to exploit the self-perpetuating series for boys about boys.

In 1896, Patten wrote the first "Frank Merriwell" under the pseudonym of Burt L. Standish. Before he finished, Patten wrote 775 Merri-

well books. It was "Frank Merriwell" that Stratemeyer used as his pattern for the "Rover Boys." There was one essential difference, however, the Merriwell books sold for a nickel. Parents who appraised literature in terms of cash felt that the Merriwells were undesirable. Clever Mr. Stratemeyer, however, who wrote the same things, put his novels in board covers and sold them at prices varying from a dollar to twenty-five cents.

The Rover Boys came out under the pseudonym of Arthur M. Winfield, for at the very beginning of his career, Stratemeyer decided that he must have a nom de plume. Arthur was chosen as the nearest approach to author; M was chosen to represent the millions of copies of his books which he hoped to see in print; Winfield expressed his idea of winning in his chosen field. Incidentally, he died a millionaire.

One of Stratemeyer's most powerful opponents was Franklin Mathiews, chief librarian of the Boy Scouts of America. The state of literature in the early 1900's appalled Mr. Mathiews. He took action by going to Grosset and Dunlap, who also published Stratemeyer's books, and induced them to reprint in 50 cents editions the works of better authors—Altsheler, Barbour, Heyliger.

Mr. Mathiews then wrote an article for The Outlook entitled "Blowing Out the Boy's Brains."

Mr. Mathiews wrote: "One of the most valuable assets a boy has is his imagination. Story books of the right sort stimulate and conserve this noble faculty. The cheaper sort by overstimulation are debauched and vitiated by strong drink."

"Blowing Out the Boy's Brains" swept the country. In one large city, mothers stood in the book stores begging the would-be purchasers not to buy the items it criticized. Disgruntled booksellers packed up their Tom Swifts, etc., etc., and shipped them back to the publishers.

Stratemeyer was furious. He threatened to sue but was told by Grosset and Dunlap that if he did, they would be compelled to take sides, and they were not sure which side they would choose.

Stratemeyer's biography has never been written. Many have wanted to write it, but his daughters who have carried on the Stratemeyer office have refused to give consent.

Fortune concludes "It Was Indeed He" with this paragraph: "But the fifty cents juvenile is not dead. Not by a long shot. Publishers will tell you today that even such moss-backed old standbys as the 'Rover Boys' are like Rip Van Winkle coming back to life. Tripe they were in the beginning, tripe they are now, and tripe they always will be. But a wise publisher knows to his profit they are pap to the maturing mind and most delectable pap to boot."

CREDIT CARDS

The Missouri State Library publication, **Show-Me Libraries,** has an article in the December, 1957, issue titled "Soon We'll All Carry Library Credit Cards." Montana's courtesy card service, originated by the Northwest Montana and Five Valleys Federations, is summarized.

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LOCAL HISTORY BOOK

Mrs. P. E. Peres of Fort Benton sends word that her Home Demonstration has compiled an excellent book of local history titled **Footprints Through the Valley.** There are still 36 copies available at $3.

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Let Us Unite Our Efforts

By Carrie Koestner, Montana Parent Teacher Editor

"Widespread citizen participation in making major public decisions has made support of the public library, **the only agency that provides access to all reliable facts,** an obligation of every citizen." So reads the Parent Teacher Manual under the heading of Reading and Library Service chairman.

The parent Teacher Association is the only organization that cuts across all the lines of society that tend to divide people and unites them in a common cause, as basic as a cause can be; that of safeguarding the welfare of children and youth. To do this one must understand the scope and depth of our programs. For every area of interest pertaining to the child we have a National Congress chairman and a state congress can adopt a corresponding chairman if the need is apparent.

Montana Library Service needs a channel of communication to the people for better understanding and support of existing and newly adopted programs. The PTA Units, close to 325 in Montana with over 32,000 members, could activate an established program and policy that is being practiced in many states and constantly adhered to by our National Congress. It includes support of legislation for appropriations both federal and state, recommendations of action to take locally and methods to set up a coordinated program with librarians. Now, when interest is high and the needs great, it seems to be the time for local librarians and local PTA presidents to get together and review our manual as it pertains to the Reading and Library Service chairman.

We have always depended on professional assistance rather than pooling our ignorance of any subject, we strive to coordinate our program rather than duplicate an existing one. We study not to fill our minds but rather to open them and become an informed citizen and act accordingly.

The importance of a PTA membership card is not apparent to many of us at first. We are automatically a member of a local, the state congress and the national congress when we become a PTA member. That is what we mean when we say the Parent Teacher Association.

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It is not just a local unit. The strength of the whole organization of over 42,000 Units in the nation and over 11,000,000 members depends on how well versed each unit is, for instance working for the Library Services Bill. The immediate and future needs for Montana libraries is met jointly by the PTA Units and local librarians could wield the influence necessary to compete with appropriations for highways and other departments considered to be more essential, when pressure for library service is lacking. We cannot afford to let this happen in Montana, more especially when the Montana State Library Extension Commission has produced a program of 'firsts' in the nation. More and more Montana people should know of these accomplishments and the national recognition given to our state and be prepared to support a continuity of the program.

When we are working for vitally needed federal legislation for library service it is difficult to explain how matters so far from home can possibly benefit each and everyone of us in Montana. This needs to be explained and stressed by those involved in library service locally to effectively take action. We must coordinate our program and go one step further to assure Montana people the newly established program for rural areas, courtesy cards and the like warrants their whole hearted support with our own legislature. Again, we have the problem of explaining how people locally will benefit. The mobility of our population has made it necessary to consider the three levels local, state and national, in all matters if we are to prosper and live.

National Library Week did much to raise our sights and relate good library service to everyday living. Many interested individuals were determined who could work with a long range, well planned program that would allow an interested group to be aware of what is needed and be informed and ready to assist professional library personnel. This constant attention would make it easier for us to compete for the time and maintain interest of busy people.

Will you ask your local PTA president to visit with you and read the section concerned with the Reading and Library Service chairman?

William Home Benet wrote:

"You came to climb
And you endure—
So turn your face to the rock of Time,
Make one more foothold sure!

Each spring newly elected PTA officers and chairman are challenged and can make one more foothold sure, with professional help.

Carrie Koestner

Children's Reading in the Space Age

By Rita McDonald

In the current New Mexico Library Bulletin, Elizabeth Margulis tells a story of a woman who was a personal friend of the late dean of scientists, Dr. Albert Einstein. Motivated partly by her admiration for him, she held hopes that her son might become a scientist. One day she asked Dr. Einstein's advice about the kind of reading that would best prepare the child for this career. To her surprise, the scientist recommended "Fairy tales and more fairy tales." The mother protested that she was really serious about this and she wanted a serious answer; but Dr. Einstein persisted, adding that creative imagination is the essential element in the intellectual equipment of the true scientist, and that fairy tales are the childhood stimulus to this quality.

This story has great significance to anyone interested in library development today. Ever since the Russian-made Sputnick began orbiting around the world early last October, we Americans, as a nation, have become much concerned over education. Principally we have been concerned because our schools are not producing enough scientists and mathematicians to match the prodigious production of these specialists by the Russians. We have been made aware of the paucity of scientific content in the standard school curriculum and at the same time we have been told that the way to produce future scientists is to get them interested in science early. "Ten years old may not be early

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FIVE VALLEYS BOOKMOBILE, HUSON

—Picture by Douglas D. Brown

CHILDREN'S READING IN THE SPACE AGE—

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enough but it is certainly not too early," the eminent scientist, Dr. Edward Teller of the University of California's Radiation Laboratory, was quoted as saying in a Time Magazine article last fall.

Few of us would dispute the urgency of this emphasis on science. Doubtless most of us believe with Dr. Teller that, should the U. S. win the science race, there will be bigger problems for us to solve tomorrow, but we would also agree that, should we fail in the race, we will have no voice in solving those bigger problems. However, many of us may well be concerned with what seems to be a stultifying interpretation of scientific education. There is a tendancy to correlate education with the learning of scientific "facts" and to think of it as a grim sort of business. Concerned about our current neglect of some of the more basic disciplines, we tend to forget that the only worthwhile education is that which keeps alive the child's original spirit of curiosity; and to forget also that it is the sense of adventure in science that has hitherto caught the imagination of Americans and resulted in our great achievements in the technological fields.

What do such considerations mean to Montana librarians?

They mean, of course, most obviously that we librarians must build up scientific collections so that we can provide the materials that this new emphasis in education will demand. They mean also, and this is even of greater importance, especially for our public libraries, that we must be alert to introduce the child to books that will arouse his curiosity in scientific problems and that will awaken him to the joy and excitement inherent in scientific work. Our collections must contain books of scientific fact, but they must also contain books that tell tales of scientific adventure, both tales that are historically true and those of are the theme of good, sound fiction. In the April 15th issue of the **Library Journal,** Alexander Marschak tells how he became interested in science at the age of fourteen or fifteen. "It was neither the text of the books nor the course that did it," he writes. "I had stumbled on a book in the library by De Kruif—**Microbe Hunters**—and now for the first time . . . I lived intensely through the drama of the test tubes, the epidemics and tenacious bravery of the scientists . . . It was only after De Kruif and **Arrowsmith, Men in White,** and **Yellow Jack** that I came into biology classes to **learn** and to **question."**

We librarians must also feel a responsiblity to bring to the attention of adults those books that will point up the importance of science and that will help to dispel the present prevalent notion of pure science and mathematics as gray, austere callings, suited only to eccentrics, achievement in which is to be applauded from a distance but not to be imitated. As Dr. Teller has put it there is a "Tone deafness towards science in our society at large." It has been partly due to this tone deaf-

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ness that so many of our children have not been inspired to become interested in science.

These are some of the responsibilities of Montana librarians in preparing our children to live in the space age. Trustees and Montana citizens, interested in securing support for our school and public libraries, likewise have responsibilities with regard to this vital problem. They must have a full and dynamic appreciation of the role libraries must play in providing the type of reading matter that will promote true scientific education and they must be ever alert to share this appreciation with others.

Moreover, as librarians, trustees and library friends we must not forget that in the world of today an ability to acquire a sound and continuing scientifc education means an ability to read. Even before Sputnick we were concerned with the fact that the ability of the average American child was not all that it should be. Since Sputnick there has been full agreement that the necessary tool that must be given to every child is the ability to read the English language with comprehension. It follows that one of the library's major contributions to the nation's scientific development should be that of helping Johnny to read. It is essential that our libraries have the resources to supply a plentiful variety of reading material that will attract and stimulate Johnny to want to read. The **Daily Missoulian** pointed out in an editorial on February 5th that the child cannot be "forced" into the "sort of reading that will become a .. . fruitful lifetime habit. If he is forced to read, the chances are excellent that reading will become hateful to him, and that he will quit as soon as he gets out from under discipline. There are better ways." In the forefront of those better ways is the attraction of a good library.

Finally, we must bear in mind that the budding scientist needs not only books of science—he also needs fairy tales and a large variety of imaginative literature. Due to the urgency of the times and the current disorder of world affairs, there is danger of our so stressing the study of science as to completely upset the balance of a well-rounded educational program. Miss Margulis quotes the educator Dr. Ruben Gustavus as pointing out that the humanities cannot be neglected in the schools "because the judgments deciding human happiness and welfare rest on such studies. Science cannot give us those values." And she quotes Mrs. George Lusk, New Mexico's Superintendent of Public Education, as saying that if education is to be effective it must "devote as much effort to stimulate creative thinking as to providing the tools upon which creative thinking is based." And Miss Margulis concludes that education beneath man-launched satellites can fulfill this function only if there are adequate libraries—for libraries are the sole storehouses for the records of the humanities. I believe we can all say Amen to that.

Montana Authors

When I am dead, I hope it may be said:
"His sins were scarlet, but his books were read."
Hillaire Belloc: **On his books**

We doubt if many of our Montana authors would wish to be remembered for their scarlet sins, but we feel sure that all of them might wish it to be said that their books had been read. Unfortunately the popularity of any book is not solely dependant upon its intrinsic merits; it is also dependant on the amount of advertising it receives. It was brought out at the Billings meeting of MSLA that we librarians have a responsibility for helping to advertise books by our Montana authors. As a gesture in this direction the Commission is gathering display material that we can loan to libraries and other groups to supplement special exhibits of books written by Montanans and ex-Montanans. Through the generosity of some book publishers we are also assembling a permanent exhibit of such books that will be available for loan. In this connection we think the following excerpt from a letter written us by Glenn P. Bradley, Sales Manager, University of Oklahoma Press, will be of interest to our readers:

> It is a special pleasure for us to work with these individuals and groups in Montana where, in the past few years, our books have been greeted with such enthusiasm. I take great delight, when people ask us where we sell most of our books, in pointing out that, if we could pinpoint our sales geographically, we would probably place it somewhere within the borders of the state of Montana. This is not to say that we sell more books in Montana than any place else, but certainly the Pacific Northwest and the northern Rocky Mountain region provide us a market for our books that some of our friends in publishing simply cannot understand.

Among books by Montanans published or to be published in the first six months of 1958 are:

Babson, Naomi Lane, pseud. (Naomi Grieder) The Young Fair Maidens. Harcourt, Brace, $3.95.

Berry, Ruth Muirhead. Long is the Way. Muhlenberg, $3.75.

Henry, Ralph C. The people of Montana. State Publishing Company, Helena, $3.75.

Latom, Henry V. Ride Like An Indian. Whittlesey House, $3.00.

Struble, John, pseud. (Virginia Burlingame) Cactus. Bethany Press,, St. Louis, $1.75.

The Commission also has available for distribution a check list of books by Montanans and about Montana published in 1957, prepared with the help of Virginia Walton, librarian of the Historical Society of Montana. In the near future we plan to prepare a more comprehensive list of trade books in print in the same categories.

Central Exchange of Gift Books

Out of the two library workshops held this spring, one at Missoula in February and one at Great Falls in April, has come a plan for the exchange of worthwhile gift books that duplicate volumes already in the receiving library's collection. The Commission will serve as the coordinator for such an exchange. When a library gets gifts of books that ordinarily it would be glad to add to its collection but which duplicates titles or material it already has, it may offer these gifts to the Commission to be added to a Central Gift Exchange Stock. The library may either send a list of the books to the Commission or send the books, all of which should be in good condition and should not be "dead wood."

From this stock, participating libraries can draw books to fill in lacks in their own collections. They may send the Commission want lists for specific non current titles or may make requests from lists that the Commission will send out from time to time of the books that are in the Exchange Stock. Surplus books will be used to supplement the stock of beginning libraries. This will be a truly cooperative venture by which the libraries of Montana may share their resources, one with another.

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SLEC NEWS

One of the most valued services that the Commission is currently offering is a series of workshops of various kinds. A Library Problems Clinic at the Great Falls Public Library brought librarians and trustees from a radius of 150 miles. Dick Darling presided at this meeting, with Eilene Morrison as consultant. This is the fourth workshop of this sort to be offered. Two mending clinics, one at Darby and one at Thompson Falls were very well attended. At MSLA in Billings, time was apportioned for a pre-conference workshop on bookmobiles and on Sunday, the final day of the meeting, the trustees met with the Commission staff for a Trustee Problems Clinic.

Beginning in May, Montana librarians now receive a monthly news letter from Commission Headquarters. We have long felt the need for closer and more regular communication, for the many news items that we can share and the exciting reports of progress toward cooperation that come in from all corners of the state.

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Friends of the Library

Mrs. Robert Bemis of Superior is the new state chairman for the Friends of the Library. Mrs. Bemis as chairman of the Mineral County Library Board has had a vital part in the Five Valleys Federation. Improved library service and library facilities in her community are largely due to her interest and enthusiasm. We can expect exceptional leadership from Beverly Bemis and extend our best wishes to her for a successful year.

Montana Libraries a

In 1912 the Glendive Woman's Club began laying plans
Not much was accomplished until 1915 when the Club asked
city hall just being built, and were assigned one on the seco

From 1915 to 1924 the Woman's Club supported the libra
of cook books, Chamber of Commerce donations, proceeds
paid by patrons. During these years the library moved to the
room for periodical files, cataloging space and book mendi

In 1920 the library records show 2,200 volumes, in 1957
collection, regularly weeded of "dead wood."

Miss Helen Fleming, chosen by the Woman's Club as th
She was followed by Mrs. Mertie Reinhard who died in 1927
Terry of Milwaukee) acted as librarian until Mrs. Perl (Leon)

Mrs. Coombs came to Montana from Wisconsin when a sop
Dawson County High and from Western College of Educati
Further work was taken at the University of Washington, whi
school for seven years at Armstead, Lewistown and Glendive
her permanent home.

In 1927 another room was annxed for children. As the
two more rooms were opened up by removing partitions un
to the adult section. The latest remodeling is now completed,

Book circulation in 1947 totaled 15,000. 32,000 volumes w

Library activities include a radio program over KXGN,
Daily Ranger, story hours held periodically with stories told
school speech class. The highlight of the year for the childre
come to the library for an indoctrination period and to view th

Staff members in addition to Mrs. Coombs are Mrs. E
McLeod, a high school senior, and Dorothy Meyers, a high s

Present board members are Mrs. Vernie Jones, Mrs. Jar
Hilger, Mr. John Johnson and Mr. Kenneth Swensen.

There are exciting prospects for this library. There is ev
missioners will enter into a contract with the Glendive library

Librarians

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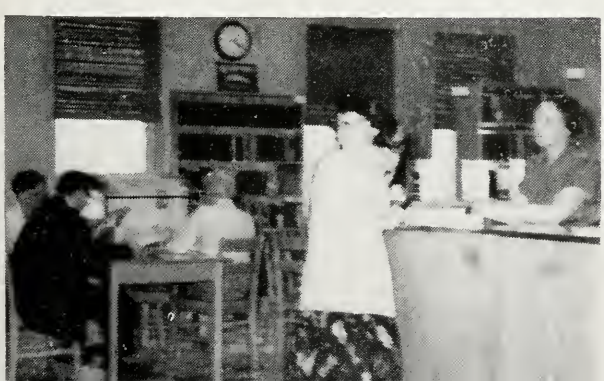

From left to right, at bottom: Mrs. Ella Schloss checking out books after a 1952 story hour, before remodeling; Mrs. Mildred Thompson, local amateur artist, painting mural in new section of children's room; main adult room, with Mrs. Ella Schloss at desk; completed mural in children's room, with librarian Perl Coombs.

Directly below: Glendive Public Library librarian Perl Coombs.

NEW BOOKS

By Dick and Persis Darling

This issue brings a conglomeration of new books, some for the holidays, some for fun, and some that may fill some old needs. And as usual, the geophysical year brings more books that go beyond space as we are acquainted with it.

Eleanor Estes has written another story of the Pye Family, **Pinky Pye,** in which a new kitten, and a most intelligent one, joins the human Pyes, Ginger Pye, the family dog, and Gracie, the New York cat. This time we join the Pyes on Fire Island, off the Connecticut coast. Father you will remember, is a famous ornithologist, and in Pinky Pye he has been sent to Fire Island to watch an unusual bird that has been sighted there, taking the entire family, including pets, with him. It may seem strange to take a dog and a cat on a bird-watching expedition, but the whole affair would have been less successful if the cats had not turned out to be the best bird-watchers of all. By the end of the story still another animal has joined the Pye menagerie, a pigmy owl, and around this owl the delightful plot is woven. This is a book for the middle age group to read themselves, though younger ones will love to hear it. (Harcourt, Grace and Company, $3.00, published April 9, 1958.)

Eve Titus has departed from the picture book in **Basil of Baker Street,** the story of a very astute mouse-tective, who makes his dwelling place in the basement of that famous house on Baker Street where lives the renowned Mr. Sherlock Holmes. Life is as filled with thrilling adventure for Basil as it is for the gentleman upstairs, and Basil is as skillful and scientific a sleuth as is his hero. The plot thickens when the twins, Angela and Agatha Proudfoot, the prettiest little white mice in all London are kidnapped by The Terrible Three, but Basil soon is on the trail, scenting the significance of every clue. Paul Galdone's illustrations in black and white add greatly to the suspense of the story. The third grader will not put the book down until he has finished the final chapter. (Whittlesey House, May 2, 1958, $2.75.)

Dr. Seuss brings us an omnibus of zany stories in **Yertle the Turtle and Other Stories.** The title story recounts in verse the downfall of King Yertle who would win his glory at the expense of the other turtles in the pond. The other stories, too, deal with animals who are not satisfied with things as they are and who meet their Waterloo when they would go too far. The pictures are the author's own. For those children, and their number is great, who love every book Seuss writes, this will be another must. (Random House, $2.95.)

FOR CHILDREN

Montana libraries will not want to miss Henry Larom's new book, **Ride Like an Indian!** The setting is in Wyoming but the story could, in one sense, be anyplace where boys dream dreams. Jerry, the newest Dude at the ranch, learns to ride like an Indian, and eventually, with the help of his blood-brother Sam wins a race. At the end he is made a member of the tribe with the name Rides-Like-An-Indian. Perhaps this is Mr. Larom's best boy's book thus far. The illustrations are by Wesley Dennis. (Whittlesey House, March 24, 1958, $3.00.)

Silver Heels: A story of Blackfeet Indians at Glacier National Park is not a book of the same order as **Ride Like an Indian!,** but it will help to fill the need for books with a Montana setting. Swift Eagle, a boy of the Blackfeet, wants a pony of his own more than all else, and through luck and perseverance finally wins the one he wants. Part of Caroline Christie's purpose is to interest people in Glacier Park. George Wilde's pen and ink drawings are often good, but the cover is unfortunate. (John C. Winston Co., March 3, 1958, $2.95.)

Made in Iceland, by Grace Blaisdell Golden, is the latest title in the excellent "Made in" series. Material for any age on Iceland is difficult to find. This will be useful in school units on the Vikings and their modern descendants. The illustrations are photographs of the country and of representative works of art. (Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., April 21, 1958, $3.00.)

Four new books in "A Beginning-to-Read Book" series may be useful for libraries looking for hard to find material for the new reader. This series is published by Follett Publishing Company, and, though not distinguished, are a cut above the classroom reader, particularly in story content. The titles we looked at were **Miss Hattie and the Monkey** by Helen D. Olds, **Mable the Whale,** by Patricia King, **The Four Friends,** by Carol Hoff, and **Peter's Policeman.** The pictures, all in color, are adequate, and the bindings sturdy.

Alexander Marshack's **The World in Space; the Story of the International Geophysical Year** is an attempt to cover all the varied aspects of the scientific activity connected with the geophysical year, for the upper elementary and junior high, but it will be useful in high school libraries as well. The illustrations are black and white photographs. (Thomas Nelson and Sons, $4.95.) Libraries needing more material of a factual nature on space travel will welcome a new printing of Jack Coggins and Fletcher Pratt's **By Space Ship to the Moon.** Libraries will want to order this one in special library bindings, for the publisher's binding will not last. (Random House, 1952. $1.00 for the trade edition.)

WEEDING: Unpleasant

By Richard L. Darling

In a way a library's book collection is like the merchandise in a store. The successful merchant knows that he must keep a good stock of the best available goods if his business is to flourish. Goods cannot stay on the shelf. If they are not moving, the merchant finds out why. Perhaps one line of merchandise is less attractive than another, thus failing to appeal to the customer. Another product may be out of date, may have been superseded by another newer one. The merchant acts. He eliminates those items which are not selling because he knows that they will affect the sales of his other goods. With the library book collection, it is necessary to eliminate those books which are no longer useful or desirable. The unappealing book, too, has its effect on the other books around it. The librarian needs to eliminate, constantly, those books that add nothing to the strength of the library collection.

This analogy can be carried too far, of course. Mere age does not alter the value of many books. But often older books can be provided in newer packages. If people are to be encouraged to read older works of literature, those older books should be provided in the most attractive editions available. Copies printed in fine type on yellowed paper have little or no appeal. Such books should be replaced by attractive, well-printed, illustrated editions. The **Children's Catalog**, the **Standard Catalog for High School Libraries** and the **Fiction Catalog** list attractive yet sturdy, editions of the well-known classics in various attractive editions in a varying price range. The readers will choose to read these attractive copies of books while they will reject those that are ugly.

What to eliminate

The librarian who sets out to weed the book collection should have definite criteria and standards by which to determine which books should go. More than that, sentimental attachment to a particular title needs to be ignored. No book that is valuable for the library's objectives should be eliminated from its collection, but those books that make no such contribution should be ruthlessly discarded.

Books that are unattractive for one reason or another should be replaced if the content of the book is of value. Books with fine print and yellowed pages have been mentioned. Books in which the print is too close together, so that the page gives a heavy black appearance and are difficult to read should have no place on the shelves of a library. The reader of such books constantly loses his place as his eyes move from the end of one line to the beginning of another. The result is that reading itself becomes a frustrating experience.

Books that are worn and dirty should also be discarded and, when desirable, replaced by new copies. Obviously books with minor wear can be mended or rebound, but those in which the pages have become frayed or in which whole sections are loose, should not be mended but eliminated from the collection. The cost of rebinding is too great to be justified for books whose pages are dirty with the ravages of hard use.

But Necessary

If pages are missing the book is of no use to anyone so that neither mending nor rebinding is a worthwhile investment.

Subject matter and date of publication will also determine whether it is advisable to keep a particular book in the collection. Certain subjects change rapidly. With the amazing speed of scientific discovery few books in science are useful after five years. This is particularly true in the physical sciences, where for example, a book on atomic energy written shortly after World War II is now so out of date that, in effect, it is inaccurate. The social sciences also change rapidly. The problems of a decade ago, with few exceptions, are not the problems of today. Such events as the passage of the Taft-Hartley Act and the merger of the two big labor organizations have completely altered the picture of labor we would expect to find in a book on the subject.

Some books should never have been in the library in the first place. The practice of adding all gift books, no matter what their age or subject, to the library's collection does not add to the collection's value. The same standards of selection should be applied to gifts as is applied to new books. Books no longer desired by their donors should be carefully examined to determine their usefulness to the library. Those that the library would not consider purchasing should be discarded.

Some books may not be suitable for the library because of the treatment of the subject matter. A technical treatment of a subject will not be used if a more popular treatment is more suited to a particular community. In some subjects, on the other hand, a technical treatment may be desired. Books known to contain inaccurate or misleading information should certainly be discarded. This is not to suggest that unpopular points of view should be excluded from a library. They should be included, but not if those points of view are based upon incorrect evidence.

The Weeding Process

It is well to determine exact procedures to follow if weeding is to be done efficiently once a weeding policy has been established. With non-fiction the first task is to check each book ot determine how recent it is. Older books in most classifications should be considered for discarding. Every book of non-fiction more than five to ten years old should be examined carefully. They should be set aside as they are examined. The next step is to check them against recognized lists of recommended books for libraries such as the **Fiction Catalog, Standard Catalog for Public Libraries, Standard Catalog for High School Libraries** and **Children's Catalog.** Books recommended in these lists should be retained. Books not listed should be kept if a known use justifies keeping them.

The problem is a little more complex with fiction. Fiction is not necessarily affected by the passage of time. Here, it is necessary to depend to a greater extent on the booklists. Though the amount of circulation a particular book receives should also be considered, it should never be the sole determining factor. It is possible that some

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WEEDING: UNPLEASANT BUT NECESSARY

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books that are rarely read should be brought to the attention of patrons so that they would be used more.

A book collection is not a static thing. It must grow and change as events and discoveries change life around us. Adding to the book collection with annual purchases of new and useful books is one of the ways in which we recognize the need to keep the book collection abreast of life. But weeding is the other way, and it is an equally important one.

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MSLA—Billings, May 2-4

Doris Wilson is to be congratulated on a most outstanding conference last May in Billings. The meetings were highly stimulating, attendance was the largest on record and comment on all sides was most enthusiastic.

Conference guests were Miss Mary Helen Mahar, Specialist for School and Children's Libraries from the U. S. Office of Education and Miss Harriet Miller, Montana's State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Both contributed to a large degree to the success of the conference.

Margaret Hileman, Librarian of the Bozeman Public Library was elected President for the current year, Alma Jacobs, Librarian of the Great Falls Public Library, Vice President; Rita Nelson, M. S. U. Library, Secretary; Zada Bridges, Great Falls Public Library, Treasurer; and Alice Ridenour, M.S.C. Library, Representative to P.N.L.A.

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LIBRARIANS WANTED

Recruiting for librarianship is vital, according to Kathleen Campbell, chairman for Montana of the Recruiting Committee of the Library Administration Division of ALA. She says the plan of the Committee calls for development of a person to person recruiting program and she has asked the assistance of representative librarians throughout Montana to assist in the program.

Library Service training available at MSU includes a four-year course in the College of Arts and Sciences, leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in library service and library education courses in the school of education. MSC offers similar courses in library education.

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LIBRARY EDUCATION

Mr. Richard L. Darling, Assistant Professor of Library Education at Montana State University has announced plans for a Summer Program in Library Education, June 16 to August 22 at Montana State University.

He will be assisted by Miss Sarita Davis, Librarian—teacher in the University School, and Instructor, School of Education, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; Miss Eilene Morrison, Asst. Professor of Library Science, Montana State College, Bozeman; and Miss Carol Trimble, Librarian, Douglas County Library, Roseburg, Oregon.

The Five Valleys Bookmobile

By Evelyn L. Swant, Co-ordinator

The first bookmobile to serve the counties of Missoula, Sanders, Ravalli, Mineral, Granite, Powell, and Lake, was made possible through the Library Services Act (Public Law 597). It was delivered by the State Library Extension Commission to its headquarters at the Missoula Public and County Library on May 17, 1957, but four weeks elapsed before a sign was painted, a driver procured, and the shelves stocked.

The first trip was made on June 17, 1957 in Missoula County to the areas of Target Range, Green Acres, Cold Springs, Lolo, Woodman School, and Lolo Hot Springs. The driver, Joseph C. Thompson, was accompanied by Geraldine Adams of the Missoula County Library staff and Astrid Arnoldson, public relations assistant of the Five Valleys Federation of Libraries. That first day the bookmobile traveled 88 miles and circulated 128 books.

At the end of its first three trips, all in Missoula County, the bookmobile started branching out into the other counties, and by July 11, 1957 had visited all 7 counties and a total of 84 communities. On its first two rounds of visiting each of the counties, the trips were mainly to survey the communities and to compile information as to mileage and driving time required between stops, how much time to allow for each stop, the selection of a good place to park—going on the suggestion of the local people, talking to storekeepers, postmasters as to interest in

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FIVE VALLEYS BOOKMOBILE, VICTOR

—Picture by Douglas D. Brown

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the community, getting information on road conditions in winter, the summer demand versus the school year demand, the type of books to be carried and the taking of special requests. (Books on Montana and by Montana writers have been consistently in demand.)

By the middle of September and close to the end of the second round of trips, each stop was evaluated and 53 of 84 were eliminated for the winter months ahead. Some communities were eliminated because they were being adequately served by established libraries or by nearby libraries and others because of insufficient community interest. The objective was to lengthen the time of the stops in the communities that wanted and needed library service, and make a schedule so that each community could be visited regularly every four weeks, a schedule which we have been able to maintain throughout this past winter. A summer schedule for the months of June through August, now in the planning stage, will attempt to reinstate some stops that had to be eliminated last fall. Also, next fall, we hope to be able to work out a revolving schedule so that each community will have some Saturday stops to give the children a chance to visit the bookmobile during the school year.

Having but one bookmobile, with a capacity of approximately 1300 volumes, one driver-librarian (the driver has been alone since his first four trips), and 32 communities to serve, with a population of about 12,572, adult and family reading has been stressed, and no school stops planned for the school year. In and near the communities visited, there are 54 elementary schools or 432 grades, with an enrollment of approximately 3,670 children that could use and should have some type of library service. However, to be fair, the bookmobile could not serve some schools and bypass others, so until another bookmobile is procured, or the area reduced, the pattern of bookmobile service has to be adult and family reading, with only community stops.

As of December 31, 1957, and with 6½ months in service, the bookmobile had travelled 12,510 miles, registered 1,179 borrowers, and recorded a circulation of 12,678 volumes, an average of 1,950 volumes per month. It has been on the road 3 days a week, and at headquarters 2 days for stocking, records, servicing, etc., and for a day off for the driver. Its trips vary from 68 miles for visits to communities in Missoula and Ravalli counties, to 361 miles for visits to communities in Sanders county. There are 3 trips a month with overnight stops at Polson, Garrison and Thompson Falls. The mileage on these trips is 304, 233, and 361 miles respectively, and the counties for Sanders, Lake, Granite, and Powell are visited.

The bookmobile has had two drivers—Mr. Thompson for the first 6½ months and Douglas Brown, since the first of the year. Mr. Thompson, a former principal in the Chicago school system, made all the survey trips, sometimes working a 13 hour day, leaving early in the morning and coming in late at night. His report on each stop was invaluable in evaluating it for later scheduling. He has worked out all of

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the bookmobile schedules and, when relieved of the driving, continued on the staff as the supervisor of the bookmobile service.

Every means of communication has been used to publicize our program, from 2c postal cards to TV. The public relations assistant has prepared weekly releases to all of the daily and weekly newspapers in the area and the radio stations as far distant as Great Falls and Spokane. The cooperation of all media has been wonderful in promoting this program.

We feel that the bookmobile service is appreciated. We know that we are reaching people who like to read good literature and also people who look to books to provide them with helpful information. We are reaching busy people on farms and in small communities and also handicapped people, people in rest homes and people who have retired from the active work-a-day world. All have a need for library service. Nothing unique has been done except to introduce to Southwestern Montana its first traveling library.

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Is My Old Book Valuable?

By request we are listing a few book dealers to whom librarians might offer for sale books they have acquired by gift that are not suitable to their collection but which may have value by reason of their rarity.

Jack L. Frederic, East 1217 Empire Avenue, Spokane 22, Wash.

Janson's Old Book Shop, Municipal Market Bldg., Seattle, Wash.

Old Oregon Book Store, 630 S. W., 12th Avenue, Portland 5, Oregon.

H. M. Sender, Box 25, Kansas City, Missouri.

Louise Stegner, 1029 South 32 Street, Omaha 5, Nebraska.

Shorey Book Store, 815 Third Avenue, Seattle 4, Washington.

We also now have at Commission Headquarters a list of old book dealers arranged according to their specialty: aviation, cook books, laws books, etc. We'll be glad to suggest names to fit your special needs. For information about the value of Montana books your best source of information is Virginia Walton, Librarian, Historical Society of Montana.

In describing books give author, title, publisher and place of publication, date on title page (if none say "none"), date on copyright page, width and height of book in inches, kind and color of binding (full leather, ½ leather, cloth, paper covers), number of pages and illustrations (plain or colored), and condition inside and out. Describe any damages, tears, discolorings, missing pages, etc., and if there is writing in the book describe it briefly.

The factors that make a book valuable are complicated and cannot be briefly itemized. More often than not old books have less monetary value than we think they have, especially if in poor condition.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES--V.I.P.'s

Very important persons, these library trustees. Mrs. Leo C. Graybill, Montana's representative on the American Association of Library Trustees, tells us that the Association considers them so important to the development of public library service that it is sponsoring a nation-wide campaign to:

1. Increase trustee participation in the American Library Association, the national trustee association and the state library associations. (Membership in these organizations provides the opportunity for trustees to keep informed as to significant library developments outside of their communities and thereby to assume more intelligent leadership in the development of their local library service.)

2. Increase membership in AALT to 7,000. (A very modest ambition when one considers that this still would mean only ONE member from each Board of Library Trustees in the country.)

All Montana trustees and board members have received a cordial invitation to join MSLA and the American Association of Library Trustees from Mrs. Graybill, chairman for Montana. We look to the time when we can announce 100% membership in both associations.

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ALA Conference--July 13-19

Montana will be well represented at the 77th Annual Conference of the American Library Association to be held in San Francisco, July 13 to 19.

From Montana, Lesley Heathcote, Inez Herrig, Alma Jacobs, Helen Ross and Ruth Longworth will in all probability attend.

Ruth Longworth will take part in symposium, "Why Friends of the Library?" at the luncheon program of the Friends on Tuesday, July 15.

The conference theme is "International Responsibilities of the ALA." Luther Evans, Director General of UNESCO, will address the first General Session on Monday evening; Dr. C. Meredith Wilson, President, University of Oregon, will discuss "Libraries in Education" at the Second General Session, Wednesday evening; and Quincy Howe, news analyst and historian, will be the speaker at the Third General Session on Thursday evening when the $15,000 ALA Liberty and Justice Book Awards will be announced and presented.

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Will we see you at PNLA, September 4-6 in Victoria?

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The Rev. James R. White, librarian of Carroll College, has been named as a board member of the Helena Public Library (1958-1961), to replace Mr. Eugene Sanden, resigned.

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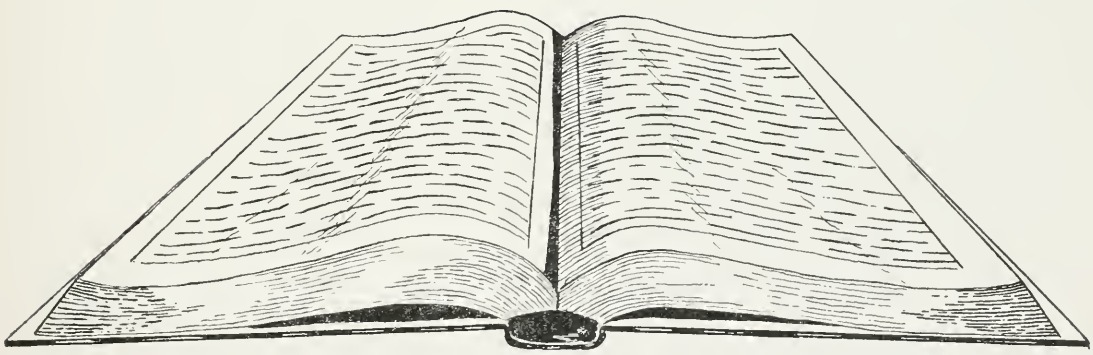
All Those Who Value Books and Reading



Books are keys to wisdom's treasure
Books are gates to lands of pleasure;
Books are paths that upward lead,
Books are friends; come, let us read.

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NO GREATER SERVICE

BEVERLY BEMIS, Chairman
State Friends of the Library

One of the most rewarding experiences I have had is this opportunity to serve in the capacity of chairman of the State Friends of the Library Divsion of the Montana State Library Association. Though it is impossible for me to meet and talk personally with all the Friends of Libraries in Montana, it is wonderful to have this means of getting to know you and of finding out the many things that you are doing in the interests of better library service for our state. When I found that this entire issue of **Montana Libraries** was to be devoted to us Friends, I was very proud. I know that you will agree with me that it is good to be appreciated.

Have you been asked "Who and what are the Friends of the Library?" I am including the following explanation which has been helpful to me on the many occasions when I have been asked that question: Friends of the Library are just what the name implies: a group of citizens—men and women—who become acquainted with the services of the library and help to interpret the library's program to the community. When the need for action arises, they are in effect a standing army, already informed and interested.

The long-time objective is the betterment of library services. The purposes are stated by one group: "To inform the public of the resources, services and possibilities of the library, to encourage the use of the library, to stimulate gifts and endowments and to secure adequate financial support." Informed public opinion, convinced of the value of library service is essential and here it is that Friends or citizens' groups have their greatest opportunity.

Libraries cannot have too many Friends. Just as we need friends in our personal life, so librarians need them if they are to grow to their fullest capacity. How gratifying it was to find in the files that were turned over to me the wealth of friends that libraries have in Montana—both individual friends and those that have declared themselves to

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be such by becoming members of a Friends of the Library organization. Every county in this large state is well represented with individuals who are Friends and many with organized local groups.

You will read in another section of this issue what Montana Friends did to make National Library Week a time of significance. We know that all of the good things that are happening to make improved library service a reality are happening because of your friendly interest and concern. Our future is bright before us; our rewards lie in the warm feeling of satisfaction that is ours in service, so that all may read.

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P. T. A. Bulletin Editor

Carrie Koestner has put Montana libraries on the map with her feature articles in the P.T.A. Bulletin this past year. Mrs. Aaron Margulis, Reading and Libraries chairman for the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, spoke in glowing terms of Carrie's effective presentation. Mrs. Margulis took part in a panel discussion at the Trustees meeting at A.L.A. in San Francisco. It was good to be able to tell her that Carrie Koestner now had a new position as secretary of the State Friends of the Library and with Beverly Bemis, chairman, was doing a superb job of interpreting library service to individuals and organizations in every corner of Montana.

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Why Friends of the Library?

The answer to why we have—and need—Friends of the Library was fully explored and answered at the exciting meetings of hundreds of Friends at A.L.A. in San Francisco. Mrs. Bertha D. Hellum, librarian of the Contra Costa County Library, did an excellent job of summing up after a symposium on the topic "Why Friends" when she summarized the goals of the Friends and the role they play in library development. "Friends give moral support. They build backbone. They are our messengers of good will; our interpreters of the library to the community." Her experience with a strong and forceful citizens group was most gratifying to hear. "We would have been very happy to have secured double our budget when the Contra Costa Library was in its early years," she said, "but the friends said 'Nonsense! That is not

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nearly enough. Let's ask for four times the amount since that is what we need.' And they got it!" She pointed out that good Friends operate on the premise that adequate library support is earned and deserved and that it is their pleasant duty to see that this is secured.

Mrs. Buford Payne of the Berkeley Friends of the Library planned and presided at the symposium. Successful activities of friends in areas of all sizes were presented. Mr. Ralph Ulveling of the large city Detroit Public Library; Mr. C. Edward Pederson, President of the Berkeley Friends, representing a university city; Mrs. Bertha Hellum, of Contra Costa, the large county system; Mrs. Mabel Jackson, Librarian of the Library of Hawaii, and Sallie Farrell, field representative of the Louisiana State Library, told of activities by a State Friends of the Library and for the small rural community, I was included to tell about the Friends of Glacier County.

Fabulous indeed were the accounts! Sallie Farrell told how 150 friends in a newly organized Friends group secured a two million dollar appropriation for a state library building and soon after a vastly increased budget for state library operation.

Mr. Ulveling started the discussion with a stimulating account of the Detroit Friends. Huge gifts of money and of rare books pour in from the many interested lay people who value the libraries services and want to give concrete evidence to this fact. He stressed the importance of giving the friends something specific to do and has worked out with them a program that keeps them very busy indeed—one that is of invaluable aid to the library and of inestimable value to the participating friends.

Mrs. J. Henry Mohr, Chairman of the San Francisco Public Library Commission, ended the symposium with the topic "Trustees and Friends—Responsibilities and Differences," pointing out that the Trustees are an appointed Board, responsible for setting policy and for the wise expenditure of public funds. She lauded the Friends for the fine spirit of cooperation they show throughout the nation, for the excellent job they do to back the library program and to make people aware of the value of library service.

In her talk, Sallie Farrell said that the chief purpose of the Friends of Libraries in the State Group in Louisiana was: "To promote the general welfare." I believe this best expresses the philosophy of Friends everywhere. Certainly it is proven true of our fine Friends of Libraries in Montana.

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A Letter to Montana Friends

Dear Montana Friends:

Among my happiest memories are those in which "good friends got together" for libraries in Montana, and I'm so delighted to hear that you are getting together more than ever and accomplishing miracles. There's no magic more potent than that distilled by a good cause among people of good will—particularly the cause of good reading for all. Friends of Libraries are life-lines going out to communities, and they run the life-giving power both ways. To the library runs the current of information about community atmosphere and need, and to the community goes the effort of the library to fill the need.

With added impetus of acceptance on the national level of the value of the public library as demonstrated by the L. S. A. program so dramatically being carried out in Montana and 50 other states and territories we can do so much more.

Let's get together oftener for the good of library service! Remember—like all good friends, we NEED each other!

Sincerely,
CATHERINE CHADWICK
Extension Librarian
Phoenix, Arizona

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A Message to Montana Friends

From Peg Hileman, President, M.S.L.A.

The Montana State Library Association extends a warm welcome to all our Friends of the Library. We are delighted to see many familiar faces and very happy to find they have been joined by many new soon-to-be familiar faces. The State Friends group is still very young. Its past, although containing accomplishments of great worth, is short; Mrs. Beverly Bemis, your chairman and Mrs. Carrie Koestner, secretary, have few established procedures to rely upon. They need your cooperation in their plans for a very full, vital year. Beverly and Carrie have started the year with a concentrated effort to gain many new members. In this you can be of great service as you pursuade your friends to be Friends. I know they also are looking ahead to what the Friends can accomplish this year in behalf of Montana libraries. Although they can spearhead many actions, the results will be determined by the number of eager, cooperating Friends working together to fulfill these plans.

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M. S. L. A.

Livingston has extended a cordial invitation to M.S.L.A. to hold the conference there next May. This is an early reminder so that we can plan far in advance. Every librarian in the state will find the program enjoyable and instructive. Every Trustee and Friend will be an honored guest.

MONTANA FRIENDS

Representation of Friends of the Library are on file with Mrs. Robert Bemis, State Chairman of the Friends Division of M.S.L.A., from every county in Montana. In many instances local groups have resulted from this beginning, where interested people have joined the state association and have later started an organization in the local community.

First large and active group in Montana was organized in Hill County. An outstanding program is in effect here and one that has served as a pattern for many other communities. The Hill County Library with Marjorie Moores as librarian is featured in this Friends issue in recognition of the excellent work done here, by this organization.

Groups fully organized or in the exploratory stages of formation have reported from Butte, Culbertson, Dixon, Flathead County, Glacier County, Great Falls, Lake, Mineral, Stillwater, Toole and Teton Counties. Sheridan is in the process of organization of a county-wide Friends of the Library for Madison County.

All over the state where interest in better library service exists, friends are joining together to work toward the good of books for all. In every place where this happens, the future looks very good indeed.

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How to Organize a Friends Group

The necessary impetus to start a Friends of the Library Group can come from the librarian, the Board of Trustees or any group of people who have the interest of the library at heart. One reason why there is no national pattern for the organization of Friends of the Library is that the local situation controls and determines the development of each group.

The first step is a realization of the need for Friends, then follows the initiative on the part of someone to call a group together, large or small, for a time of organization. A temporary chairman may be chosen until simple by-laws and a constitution may be drawn up. In some instances, officers have been elected at the first meeting and the formality of by-laws dispensed with.

Individual dues should be set as low as possible so that all who are interested can join, with higher fees for contributing and institutional members. The entire community should have representation in the membership.

Suggested sources for members would include businessmen's clubs, educators of all sorts, Chamber of Commerce, service clubs, local authors, churches, fraternal groups and so on right down the list in every community. Often you may start selectively and let the original members draw in the others.

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Let us consider that your group is now organized with a large and growing membership and with your purpose clearly defined. You exist to help the library in as friendly a fashion as possible. What does your library need? Is it the center of the community? Is everyone acquainted with its fine services? Is it receiving the support it has earned and deserves? Friends are agents of good will. The finest public relations programs in the world have been instituted and carried through by Friends. There have been large and generous gifts and certainly this is welcome but no library can grow and prosper by gifts alone and no library can earn an adequate tax support until every resident in the community benefits in some degree by its services.

The time to organize is right now. Interest is high and the possibilities for improved service are limitless. Montana's plan under the Library Services Act is in full swing and benefiting every one of the libraries in the state. To make these benefits of lasting value, it is essential that the Friends acquaint themselves with the program and lend their full support to success.

Beverly Bemis, chairman of the State Friends of the Library, cordially invites you to join the Montana State Library Association as a Friend. The state friends are a strong adjunct to the local groups. Representation in the state association will strengthen your community group, will make it possible to work together for good library service in every corner of the state. The most outstanding example of the success of the State Friends of the Library is Louisiana, reported in this issue in the article on the Friends meeting in San Francisco. There is not a doubt in the world but that Montana can do an equally good job if enough of us care.

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The best our million dollar school systems can do is to teach people to use books. But what good is it to teach them if we don't provide libraries where they can go when they're out of school?

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He ate and drank the precious words,
His spirit grew robust;
He knew no more that he was poor,
Nor that his frame was dust.
He danced along the dingy days,
And this bequest of wings
Was but a book. What liberty,
A loosened spirit brings.

—Emily Dickinson

MONTANA DAY

November 8th is Montana Day and this year marks the 69th birthday of Montana as a state. Pat Lee, Publicity and Information Director of the Montana Chamber of Commerce, invites the co-operation of all libraries in celebrating this anniversary. Last year the response from libraries was excellent!

The winter issue of Montana Libraries will feature Montana Day activities. We want your stories and a great many pictures. Be very sure to report as early as possible. This year, with Childrens Book week set early, Montana Day falls on the final day of that week so the theme Explore with Books could well be motivated toward the exploration of Montana History.

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The community library of Darby was one of the many small libraries in the state that did a fine job during the past year of observing both National Library Week and Montana Day. For its Montana Day observance the library cooperated with the Bitterroot Historical Society in putting on a celebration which included a special historical display in the library's museum cases, an exhibit of Montana books, and an all-day open house with assigned hours during which the grade school teachers could bring their students to the library. The observance focussed attention on the history of Montana with particular emphasis on that of the Bitterroot. It also called attention to the less specialized values of books and reading, and provided an excellent prelude to the celebration of National Library Week when a reading contest for boys and girls was put on in cooperation with Darby schools. During the week, books about other lands were featured. We have reproduced below a picture of the extremely effective display of arts and crafts of other countries which was made possible by individual Friends who brought to the library treasures that they had collected over the years.

—Photo by Ernst Peterson

Your State Library Extension Commission

ITS SERVICES TO TRUSTEES

Montana's State Library Extension Commission offers a variety of services, many of them to trustees Typical of these services are:

1. Provision of advisory services to local boards of trustees on:
   - —organization and administration of libraries
   - —achieving and maintaining adequate financial support
   - —certification and personnel administration
   - —library building and remodeling
   - —improvement of services
   - —application of standards
   - —local, regional and statewide planning

2. Sponsorship of workshops, institutes and conferences, highlighting:
   - —library finance and budget preparation
   - —standards for library service
   - —library legislation
   - —current trends in library programs and services
   - —special programs such as services to youth
   - —public relations and interpreting the library program to government officials and the community at large

3. Preparation of manuals and guides on the responsibilities of trustees
4. Assistance with orientation of newly-appointed trustees
5. Maintenance of a current directory of board members
6. Compilation and publication of public library statistics.
7. Compilation and publication of library laws and their interpretation.
8. Reporting statewide library news, developments and trends.
9. Reporting on new and significant publications, films and other materials in the library field.
10. Provision of information on and loan of materials about current practices in library administration, finances and services.

(Adopted from a flyer distributed at AALT Workshop in San Francisco, July 13, 1958)

Trustee Workshop--"Working Together"

Among the most devoted Friends of the Library are library trustees —"Those busy, over-worked, selfless, dedicated trustees who are always, somehow, the very cream of the citizenship of their communities," as Mrs. Merlin M. Moores, describes them in her 1958 annual report as President of the American Association of Library Trustees.

The Association, of which Mrs. Leo Graybill is chairman for Montana, is not only made up of Friends, but it is interested in discovering new friends. At ALA's San Francisco Conference in July, the AALT held a workshop in the form of a panel discussion about how libraries can help community organizations and how community groups can promote library development.

Inez Herrig of Libby was one of the panelists representing the General Federation of Women's Clubs. For the past four years the Federation has had a "Know and Grow" program which has encouraged increased use of libraries and has stressed community service in helping library development. This program was initiated by Inez, in cooperation with ALA, when she served as Libraries Division Chairman for the Federation from 1954 to 1958.

Other organizaitons represented on the panel were the American Association of University Women, the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce and the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. The AAUW encourages high standards of education and works for community understanding of educational needs. In Montana local chapters have been active in the promotion of library service. Mrs. Glenn Balch who represented the Association on the panel is also a public-spirited trustee who has given Idaho much the same type of fine service that Mrs. Graybill has given Montana.

The Jaycee representative on the panel was Cecil Edmonds who originated that organization's splendid "Operation Library" program in his own local Jaycee chapter at West Memphis, Arkansas, and who has also worked for library development as a trustee. In Montana the Jaycees spearheaded the phenomenally successful observance of National Library Week last March.

The PTA Congress has had a continuing program of encouraging reading among children and it has joined with other groups in promoting the passage of legislation extending library service on a national, state and local level. The Congress was represented on the panel by Mrs. A. E. Margulis of Santa Fe who, like other panelists, has also been an active trustee. In Montana local PTA Units have been concerned with library development and library service has been very effectively featured in the state PTA bulletin.

Montana Libraries and Libra

Early in 1957 the Home Demonstration Council of Hill County appointed a c the possibility of acquiring county wide library service. This committee endeav contract for county service with the Havre Public Library, but when this failed groups and covered the county with petitions asking for the establishment of a petitions were presented to the County Commissioners, the necessary hearing were 1, 1948, the Hill County Library came into being with space provided in the Cour

Hill County librarian, Marjorie Moores, came to Havre from Washington Stat Merwin Moores, became the Librarian of Northern Montana College. She was gra College of Washington with a B.A. Degree in History and then attended Library S of Michigan, receiving her B.A. Degree in Library Science. Following graduation she was assistant librarian and instructor in history at Alma College and then Coast to a position as high school librarian and later branch librarian for the L Portland, Portland, Oregon. It was while thus employed that she met and marrie ing the war years, while Morey was serving in the Army overseas, Marjorie w the University of Washington. With Morey's return, she retired from active librar become a housewife, but was prevailed upon by the County Commissioners to or Library and remain with them for six months.

In January, 1958, the Hill County Library observed its 10th anniversary with brarian and in addition there is an Assistant Librarian, Mrs. Dorothy Armstrong, c dent helper, Mary Lou Winter.

Shortly after the library was opened for service, a group of county women m Ralph Purdy in Kremlin and organized a Friends of the Library. Mrs. Purdy w and was responsible for the strength and interest of the group in the early year Mrs. Oscar Hoiseth, President; Mrs. James Schucha, Vice President, and Mrs. Jen tary and Treasurer. Each year this group, whose membership now numbers 300, s honoring a Montana author and one in observance of National Home Demonstr have given the library two phonographs, a slide projector and screen, and a p "Books on the Ceiling," a service to invalids. They have also started the practi Collections of books and have presented the library with a large memorial plac the deceased on brass plates. A memorial book contains the biographies of p morials have been given.

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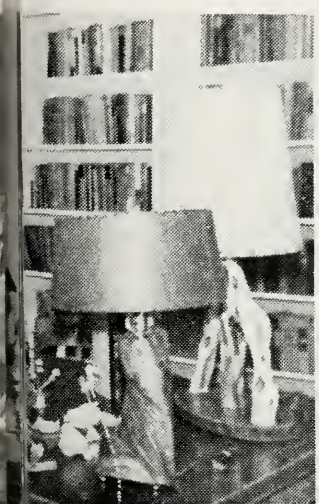
Above, Friends of the Hill County Library Honor Home Demonstration Clubs during H.D.C. Week. At right, librarian Marge Moores. At bottom, from left to right: Opening day of the Hill County Library; Hobby show exhibit; Library Friend assists at Hingham library station.



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Activities of the library include a weekly radio story hour over local radio station KOJM every Saturday morning. Classes on Books and Reading are conducted at 4-H camps. A reading contest has been sponsored yearly among the Home Demonstration Clubs for the number and variety of books read during the year. Book service is given to all county schools and the librarian is called upon about six times a year for book reviews as programs for adult clubs and organizations. A Book of the Month Club is operated wherein the librarian sends a new book each month to borrowers desiring this service automatically. The Library maintains a books and reading booth every year at the County Fair.

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PNLA

Montana was represented at this year's annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Library Association by fourteen librarians and one trustee: Kathleen Campbell, Dick Darling, Jean Davis, Mary Haggerty, Peg Hileman, Alma Jacobs, Ruth Longworth, Rita McDonald, Marge and Morey Moores, Eilene Morrison, Alice Ridenour, Marion Stephens, Virginia Walton and Mrs. Leo Graybill. Mrs. Graybill, our versatile trustee of the Great Falls Public Library, is not only chairman of MSLA'S legislative committee and membership chairman for Montana for the American Association of Library Trustees, but she is also chairman of PNLA'S legislative committee. She gave the report for this committee.

The meeting was held in Victoria September 4th to 6th. The weather was delightful and Victoria was beautiful.

The greater part of the Conference was given over to summarizing the reports of the Library Development Survey. This was in preparation for reading and study of the reports by individual members of the association, with a view of ultimate implementation of their recommendations. Plans are being made for publication and the four volumes of the final report should be ready for distribution by spring.

Emphasis was put on the need for individual membership in our professional associations. Without the fine programs of MSLA, PNLA and ALA, our Friends of the Library would have been without the leadership that in recent years has made their support of library development so very effective. Grace Stevenson, deputy executive secretary of A.L.A., gave a stirring address at the Saturday noon luncheon, pointing out how much we owe to these organizations and how important it is that we work with them—as librarians, as trustees and as friends.

MONTANA BOOKSHELF

A mimeographed collection of local history articles entitled **Toole County Backgrounds** has been issued by the Shelby History Group of the Montana Institute of the Arts. Copies may be obtained from Marguerite Marmont, Toole County librarian, who wrote three of the articles. Price: $1.40, and well worth it.

Montana State Documents, a preliminary bibliography compiled by Lucille Speer, Documents Librarian at Montana State University, was issued in July of this year as the first of a new series by the University's Bureau of Governmental Research. Price $1.00. Also issued in July by the Bureau was a **Directory of Executive and Administrative Agencies of the State of Montana.** Price $.25. Both should be extremely useful to librarians.

Coming in September are two new books for young people by Marion Place (Dale White, pseud.): **Steamboat Up the Missouri** (Viking $2.75) and **John Wesley Powell** (Messner $3.95). The latter, a biography, is starred in the **Bulletin** of Virginia Kirkus' service. In September also will be published **Witch's Colt** by Lola Shelton (Dodd, Mead $3.00), a story for boys and girls. Just out is **Westward, Westward, Westward** (Watts, $2.95), a collection of 17 stories including one by Dorothy Johnson. Recently reprinted by the University of Oklahoma Press and edited by E. I. Stewart is **The Life and Adventures of Frank Grouard,** by Joe De Barthe. First published in 1894 it tells the true story of an Indian scout who spent much time in Montana.

Already we have discovered omissions in our Montana list as follows:

Balch, Glenn, **Indian Fur,** Crowell, 1951, $2.75 (jF, jr, HS).

Blackford, J. L., **Western Wonderlands** Vantage, 1956, $5.00, by a Montana author (598, HS Ref.).

Howard, J. K., **Montana Margins,** Yale, 1946, $6.00 (808.8, HS).

Montgomery, R. G., **Mountain Men,** World, 1957, $2.75. Fictional account of life of Joe Meek (jB, jr, HS).

Nicholson, J. D., **White Buffalo and Tak-Tank-Ka,** Platt, 1941; boards, $1.25. Story of a Crow Indian boy (jf).

We very much appreciate having omissions called to our attention. Through our coordinated efforts we hope to keep the list current and as complete as possible. We are especially dependent on others for information about local items such as **Toole County Backgrounds.**

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"The true University of these days is a collection of books."

—Thomas Carlyle

NEW BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

By Dick and Persis Darling

Though it often seems unlikely as we look at the new books that have appeared that there can possibly be more good ones, we are always delighted to find that there are many more good ones. In fact, we must always make choices. This time is no exception. There are good books for both younger and older children, and for those between.

Among those for the younger children there are several about animals, both real and imaginary. Alf Evers' **There's No Such Animal,** with pictures by Bogdan Grom, is an amusing story of a small bear who sees humans and tries to describe them to his parents. This is a book that can be read to the pre-school child, but one which the beginning reader will enjoy reading by himself. (Lippincott, $2.25.)

Sir Henry and the Dragon, by Paul D. Cretien, Jr., is another book for the youngest readers. In fact it can be read by a less experenced reader. Sir Henry, a knight, and Oliver, a pink dragon, together attack a wicked witch and by team-work save a princess. The young reader who has mastered this book will want to tackle the **True Book of Knights,** an older and more factual book, but on an easy reading level. (**Sir Henry and the Dragon,** Follett, $2.25, in library binding.)

Painted Pony Runs Away, is another easy to read book in both English words and Indian pictographs. Jessie Brewer McGraw has done both pictures and text. Here the pictures made reading of the text easy. (Nelson, $2.95.)

William Cole's **I Went to the Animal Fair,** is an anthology of amusing poems about animals with appealing illustrations by Collette Rosselli. Almost all of the poems are humorous and the selection includes a goodly number of the better known children's poets. This will be good for reading aloud to very young children. (World Publishing Company, $2.75.)

Circus in the Jungle, by Denise and Alain Trez is filled with colorful illustrations which will remind you of Babar. Virginia, her brother Pat, and their dog, Banana, set off on an imaginary trip to the jungle where they meet many animals, including a polyglot parrot who speaks "tiger, elephant, English, camel, and French." This book will be easy reading. There are a few hard words, but most of them are explained in the text. (World Publishing Company, $3.00.)

Jean Walsh Anglund's **A Friend is Someone Who Likes You,** is a book to be read to pre-school children, who will then want to go back through the book to see again the small pictures in both color and black and white. This book is built around an idea, not a plot, but it is a miniature in every way so that the very small child can grasp it. (Harcourt, $1.75.)

Jean Fritz's **The Animals of Doctor Schweitzer** (Coward-McCann, $3.00) is a book for children in the middle grades. Both facts about animals and the character of the great Doctor Schweitzer are a part

of this book. Rutherford G. Montgomery's **Whitetail, the Story of a Prairie Dog,** (World Publishing Company, $2.50), will be useful to libraries seeking more children's material about the west. Montgomery presents the habits of the prairie dog by telling the story of one from a new born pup into a full grown dog.

The Christmas Rocket, by Anne Molloy (Hastings House, $2.95), is one of the first Christmas books to appear this season. This is the story of a young Italian boy whose family has fallen upon hard times. More than anything he wants a rocket to shoot off on Christmas Eve. The way in which he finally gets it is unexpected. Artur Marokvia's illustrations add a great deal to the book.

The Arabs, by Harry B. Ellis (World Publishing Company, $2.95), is a well written and timely book. With the Arab world playing so large a part in the dangerous events of our time, it is well that our children should know more about the Arab world and its heritage. This is a book for upper elementary school and junior high school children. It has many handsome black and white drawings by Leonard Everett Fisher.

Two biographies for the very early teens are well worth consideration. **Willa,** by Ruth Franchere (Crowell, $3.00), is a biography of Willa Cather covering the early Nebraska years until she leaves for university. The other is a new biography by Jeanette Eaton, **America's Own Mark Twain.** (Morrow, $3.00). Unlike the Cather book, this one provides a picture of the whole man, including the doubts and weaknesses that were so much a part of Twain. Miss Eaton has succeeded in creating a real portrait of a live man.

Another exciting book to add to the teen-age non-fiction is Henrietta Buckmaster's **Flight to Freedom.** (Crowell, $3.00) Though the subtitle of this book is "The Story of the Underground Railroad," it is actually a history of slavery in this country, of the political repercussions of slavery in our land.

One novel for early teen-age girls that we would recommend is **Merry Maple,** by Bess Tefft (Dutton, $2.75). This is a story of a farm girl who goes to a summer art camp. The theme deals with her growth in understanding of those around her. A very slight romance will lend added appeal to many girls.

For the science fiction addicts, Andre Norton has a new book, **Star Gate** (Harcourt, $3.00). In this exciting story, Kincar, half of Gorth blood and half Star blood, plays an important role in ending the tyranny of the Dark Lords on the planet Gorth. This story is a mixture of space fiction and frontier adventure that is particularly gripping.

The last book we wish to mention is a new edition of **The Arabian Nights,** retold by Amabel Williams-Ellis. (Criterion, $4.95.) The retelling is simple and straightforward. The illustrations by Pauline Diana Baynes are very good imitations of traditional Arabic and Persion art.

School Library Committee

On September 4th, Miss Harriet E. Miller, Montana's Superintendent of Public Instruction, announced the appointment of a new statewide School Library Committee. The committee's purpose is three-fold:

1. To aid in stimulating interest throughout Montana in the important role of school libraries.
2. To offer advisory service, where needed, in establishing school libraries.
3. To provide established school libraries with a clearing house for suggestions and recommendations for improving and expanding their services.

The committee is composed of four school librarians, five school administrators, one public librarian, two staff members of the University system, three staff members of the Department of Public Instruction, and the executive secretary of the Montana State Library Extension Commission who will act as chairman.

Members are: Katherine Anderson, principal, Whittier Elementary School, Great Falls; Mrs. Lucille Brown, school librarian, Glasgow; Donald W. Campbell, superintendent of schools, Fromberg; Richard L. Darling, assistant professor, School of Education, Montana State University, Missoula; William Erickson, high school supervisor, Department of Public Instruction, Helena; Mrs. Alice Fossen, Roosevelt County Superintendent of schools, Wolf Point; Mrs. Robert E. Herrig, Lincoln County librarian, Libby; Mrs. Letitia K. Johnson, school librarian, Ronan; Mrs. Ruth Longworth, secretary, Montana State Library Extension Commission, Missoula; Mrs. Winafern Moore, rural and correspondence schools supervisor, Department of Public Instruction, Helena; Eilene Morrison, assistant professor, Montana State College Library, Bozeman; William K. Pate, librarian, Lewis and Clark Jr. High School and chairman, Montana Association of School Librarians, Billings; David R. Pugh, high school principal, Polson; Robert G. Sando, elementary supervisor, Department of Public Instruction, Helena; Alve J. Thomas, superintendent of schools, Sheridan; and Mrs. Frances Wells, school librarian, Helena.

We will be telling you more about this committee and its work in future issues of **Montana Libraries.** In the meantime school libraries are featured in the current issue of MSLA's **Montana Library Quarterly.** Make sure you see it.

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FILM SERVICE

The Montana Public Library Cooperative Film Service is now a reality. Developed in cooperation with Montana State Library Extension Commission and the Great Falls Public Library, its purpose is to provide the states' public libraries with needed films for their adult community programs. Recently a manual was mailed to all public libraries in the state that gives details as to terms of service, how the service works, statistics required, care of films, and shipping instructions; and which lists available films.

John Cotton Dana's Slogan

This country has not produced a librarian superior to the late John Cotton Dana. He was versatile, creative, demanding, controversial. The first children's library in the country was started by him in Denver. In Newark, where he ended his career, he not only built a central library that was and still is outstanding, but started the first of the nation's great business libraries. For years he was recognized as Newark's first citizen. We share with you his slogan:

1. Read
2. Read
3. Read some more
4. Read anything
5. Read about everything
6. Read enjoyable things
7. Read things you yourself enjoy
8. Read, and talk about it
9. Read very carefully—something
10. Read on the run—most things
11. Don't just think about reading, but
12. Just read.

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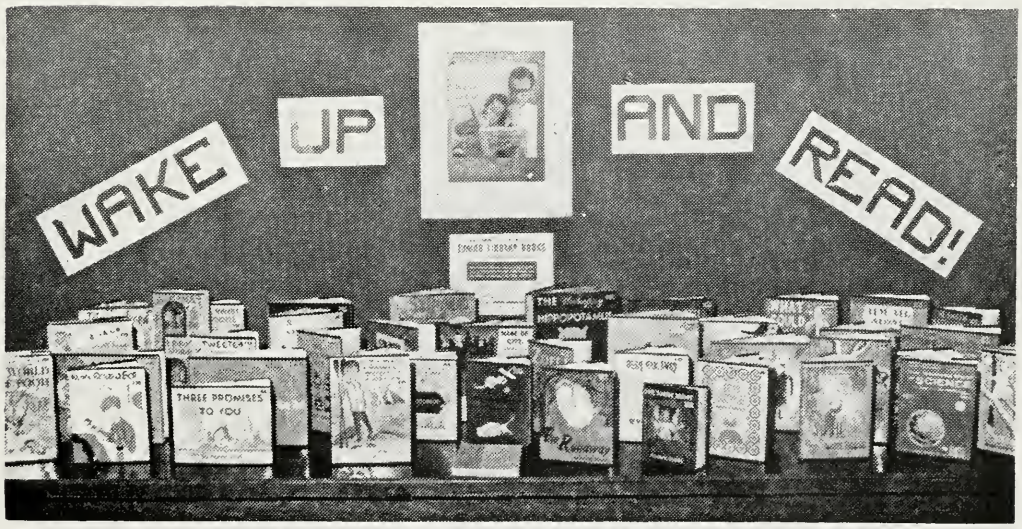

"Wake Up and Read" was this year's motto for National Library Week. The effective display, pictured above, was featured during the week by the library of the Western Montana College of Education at Dillon.

National Library

How Friends of the Library Contributed to its Success

OPEN HOUSE SPONSORED BY WOMEN'S CLUB AT HAMILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

In its final report for 1958, the National Steering Committe for National Library Week, states that perhaps the most important thing learned from Library Week observance was "the tremendous strength that friends of libraries, books and reading have when they act together." The final report of Mr. Eugene Miles, Montana's State Chairman for National Library Week, shows that what was true of the nation was also true of Montana.

Mr. Miles reported that the quality of public response to Library Week activities in the state had been "stupendous." Montana's gratifying response to the week's challenging theme, "Wake Up and Read," was due to the enthusiasm, intelligent planning and hard work of library friends. As this year's steering committee for the state, the Jaycees took the lead. Their cooperation with librarians and other groups was in large part the motivating force behind the impressive programs put on in Big Timber, Billings, Conrad, Cut Bank, Glasgow, Great Falls, Kalispell, Livingston, Miles City and Missoula, to mention only a few places where the Jaycees were especially active. They were ably supported by organized "Friends of the Library groups" in Conrad and Glacier County. "Friends of the Library" also assisted with programs in Darby and Hamilton in the Bitterroot Valley; in Superior and in Columbus.

Equally impressive, however, was the response of Home Demonstration Clubs, Women's Clubs and other organizations. The Women's Clubs of the state have had a long history of promoting community libraries. Many of our present tax-supported libraries began as community enterprises financially supported by Women's Clubs and manned by voluntary help. Some of our communities are still dependent

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upon civic-minded Women's Clubs for library service. Home Demonstration Clubs have also been the motivating force behind the organization of local libraries. Through their family life program, and under the leadership of Miss Amy Wold, Family Life Specialist of the Montana State Agricultural Extension Service, they have consistently given support to a multitude of activities that have as their aim the encouragement of rural reading.

We wish it were possible to give a complete resume of the contributions made by all organizations and friends to the success of National Library Week observance in Montana. Unfortunately, we do not have the space. We are therefore largely confining this account to the activities of Women's and Home Demonstration Clubs that made individual reports to Mr. Miles. These two organizations did a better job of reporting than others. Extent of activity varied of course. Some groups devoted one meeting to a program on books and reading. Others held teas, open house, displays and contests in cooperation with their local libraries. In the aggregate all contributed to the objective of stimulating Montana to "Wake Up and Read."

In Choteau, Circle, Conrad, Cut Bank, Froid, Great Falls, Hamilton, Harlowton, Jordan, Poplar, Red Lodge, Sheridan, Virginia City and Wisdom the Women's Clubs gave special observance to Library Week. The report from Sheridan is typical of the type of varied program put on by such clubs in some of our smaller communities. In this town the Women's Club sponsors the Library which is housed in the City Hall. During the week the Club put up posters in the Sheridan school, had story hours at the library for grades one through six, had visiting hours for grades seven and eight and for the High School, had an Easter Basket sale to raise money for the Library which netted $125.00, and for its scheduled program on March 17th had a talk on the history of the library.

Reports were received by Mr. Miles from the following Home Demonstration Clubs: the Merry Homemakers and Pine Ridge Club of Big Horn County, the Joliet Northside Club of Carbon, the Armstead Club of Beaverhead, the Bear's Den Club of Liberty, the Lumber Jill's and Troy Evergreen Club of Lincoln, the Middle Creek, Happy Homemakers and Spanish Creek Club of Gallatin, the Birch Creek, Bridget Night and Browning Club of Glacier, the Cascade 3 C's and the Fort Shaw Club of Cascade, the B.Y.K. Club of Meagher, the Four-Corners Club of Missoula, the Night Owl's Club of Rosebud, the Good Neighbor Club of

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Teton and the Riverside Neighborhood and Harmony Score Club of Yellowstone. Reports were also received from the Homecraft Club of Molt and the Trio Club of Big Timber. Some clubs sent in reports but did not give sufficient identification for us to include them. Since members of many of these clubs did not have access to libraries, their activities centered on the reading interests of individual members. Difficulties they experienced in securing adequate reading matter point to the need for aggressive action on the part of dedicated library Friends.

Organizations enumerated here give only a hint as to the many that took part in the observance of National Library Week in Montana and that over the years have been actively interested in the library development in our state. For instance, in Glasgow, the Soroptimists voted money to pay for materials needed for book shelves in the children's room of the library, and the Business and Professional Women's Club invited Helen Ewing to discuss the value of National Library Week at its regular meeting. In Hardin, also, the B.P.W. took part. The club sent a letter pointing out the value of reading to every church in the community and to several community organizations to be read at some gathering during the week. But, as we mentioned earlier, we do not have sufficient space to record nearly all that was done.

National Library Week in Montana served four purposes. It proved the existence of an unlimited number of people in the state who are friends of our libraries; it focussed attention on the value of books; it stimulated many people to read; and it called attention to library needs in every area. Chief of importance for the future of good library service was the knowledge that Montana abounds in library friends.

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New Postal Regulations

When shipping library books, it is necessary to stamp or print LIBRARY MATERIALS on the package.

Postal Bulletin 20090, 6-19-58, page 12, gives this explanation:

The rate heretofore known as the Library Book Rate will be extended to include additional material effective August 1, 1958. After that date the endorsement Library Book or Library Rate will no longer be used on the wrapper or envelope but a new endorsement, Library Materials, will be required.

Library Materials rates (without regard for zone):

First pound, 4c; each additional pound or fraction, 1c.

National Library Week Chairman

Constance Piccioni, Executive Director of National Library Week, is proud to announce the appointment of Mr. Tom Haines of Missoula as Chairman of National Library Week for Montana for 1959.

Mr. Haines is the editor of the Montana Food Distributors magazine, is serving his fourth term as a member of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Montana, House of Representatives, and is Secretary of the Montana Retail Grocers Association.

Montana is exceedingly fortunate in securing the services of Tom Haines. A lifetime of deep interest in books and reading gives him an excellent background for the job. For many years he has been interested in collecting histories and biographies of the civil war and has accumulated a fine collection of books in this field, many of which are rare items.

National Library Week, which this year will be observed April 12-18, is sponsored by the National Book Committee in cooperation with the American Library Association. The purpose of its program is to arouse interest and support for all types of libraries, encourage the growth of home libraries, and emphasize the values of reading in all walks of life.

The major responsibility of NLW's state committee is to assess the statewide opportunities and objectives of the week and coordinate plans for their development, to provide a clearing house for the problems and plans of the local committees and to initiate activities at the state level that will help develop channels for support and stimulation of programs in the local communities.

The responsibility for initiating the organization of a local committee and formulating a program, rests with the librarians and the library friends in each community. It is not too early to start planning for this **Now.**

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"We Cannot Afford A Nation of Non-Readers"

Because I have a profound interest in and respect for libraries, books and reading, I was pleased to accept the appointment as chairman for Montana for National Library Week. It is deeply gratifying to me to find that my point of view is shared by a great many people. There is in Montana tremendous interest in arousing a sense of responsibility for the status of reading and a concern for our intellectual life. Response from library friends, educators, business men and women — people in every field of endeavor — has been whole-heartedly enthusiastic.

Montana Day on November 8 can well be considered a forerunner of National Library Week, which fell this year on April 12-18, 1958. The Day was celebrated throughout the state with programs, displays and exhibits in both school and public libraries, focusing the attention on our heritage as Montanans and on some of the excellent books written on our history.

National Library Week will enlist the support of every citizen in the state and nation who is devoted to the use of books. Its purpose is to keep books free, make them widely available and encourage people to read them. The theme is "Wake up and Read!" We cannot afford a country of lazy minds and the boredom that comes from knowing little and caring less. We cannot afford a nation of non-readers.

For a better-read, better informed America, we have a responsibility as good citizens to make books available through vastly improved library service and to do everything in our power to encourage the use of good books. Let's Wake up and Read!

TOM HAINES,
Chairman,
National Library Week for Montana

The Fort Benton library celebrates Montana Day with a Montana display. Shown here are Mrs. A. E. McLeish, member of the library board, and Mrs. W. R. Hagie, librarian.

Montana Day Observance

Montana libraries centered attention on books about Montana and books by Montanans during the months of October and November.

In October, both school and public libraries were called upon to furnish materials in connection with the school's commemoration of Pioneer Day on November 1st, and its Pioneer essay contest. This commemoration has been written into Montana State law by far-sighted legislators, who have recognized the importance of encouraging school children to develop an interest and pride in our state's heritage. Such an interest and pride in one's home state is the surest foundation for a similar interest and pride in the nation and for intelligent public spirited citizen participation in state and national affairs.

On November 8th, libraries throughout the state celebrated Montana's birthday as a state. It was on November 8th, 1889 that Montana became the 41st state in the Union. Observance of the date as Mon-

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tana Day is being sponsored by the Montana Chamber of Commerce as a means of alerting Montanans to its importance and laying the groundwork for a territorial centennial celebration in 1964. This year the day coincided with the last day of Children's Book Week which has long been an occasion when librarians throughout the nation have focused attention on children's reading. In many of our Montana libraries observance of Montana Day and Children's Book Week were combined.

Whitefish Library observed the two occasions with a Wednesday evening program of two films: "Montana in the Sky," which illustrates how the people of Montana use the airplane as an important tool in the development of a modern frontier; and "Help Yourself" which shows the many services a library can offer a community. Throughout the week, and continuing for the rest of the month, the library made a special effort to acquaint both adult users and school children with the library's services. It planned activities for instructing them in the use of the catalog and reference books. An added feature of the week's observance was a bulletin board and mobile display in the library made by students of the fifth grade class. A third film "The Lady from Philadelphia" which deals with the visit of the famed singer Marian Anderson to Korea was shown at the library on Friday night as part of the library's adult education program.

The Mineral County Library at Superior sponsored a children's poster and bookmark contest. Entries were displayed during the first part of the week in buildings down town and then brought to the library, where names of the winners were posted. At the library also was a display of children's books, featuring especially those about Montana and by Montana authors, and a picture collection and a rock collection exhibit. Interest in rock collecting is high in that part of the state.

The Missoula Public and County Library had an informal coffee hour on Saturday afternoon in the reference room with a guided tour through the Montana and Northwest history collection, by Mr. Albert H. Partoll, who drew especial attention to books and documents containing interesting illustrations and pictures portraying Montana's significant historical events.

On November 1st and 2nd immediately preceding Children's Book Week, Mrs. Letitia Johnson, high school librarian at Ronan, held her third annual book bazaar which closed with a Montana author's banquet.

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These examples of Montana Day and Book Week activities in western Montana are typical of what was done in other parts of the state. Elsewhere in this issue will be found pictures of some Montana Day exhibits.

By participating in this type of activity, Montana's libraries have an opportunity to encourage reading and also to stimulate a knowledge, interest and pride in Montana history. Experience in this kind of activity, however, is always a challenge to the ingenuity of the librarian. Our libraries do not have Montana collections extensive enough to meet heavy demands, nor sufficient funds to build up the collections that are needed. Furthermore, there are too few books available, either in print or out of print, that lend themselves to this kind of use.

The solution must be a gradual one. We must continue to sponsor such activities. By doing so, we will make more and more people aware of our services so that we can get support for adequate budgets and do a better job. We must also help to foster the writing of more books about Montana and by Montanans through the publicizing of such books and through our own accelerated purchase of them.

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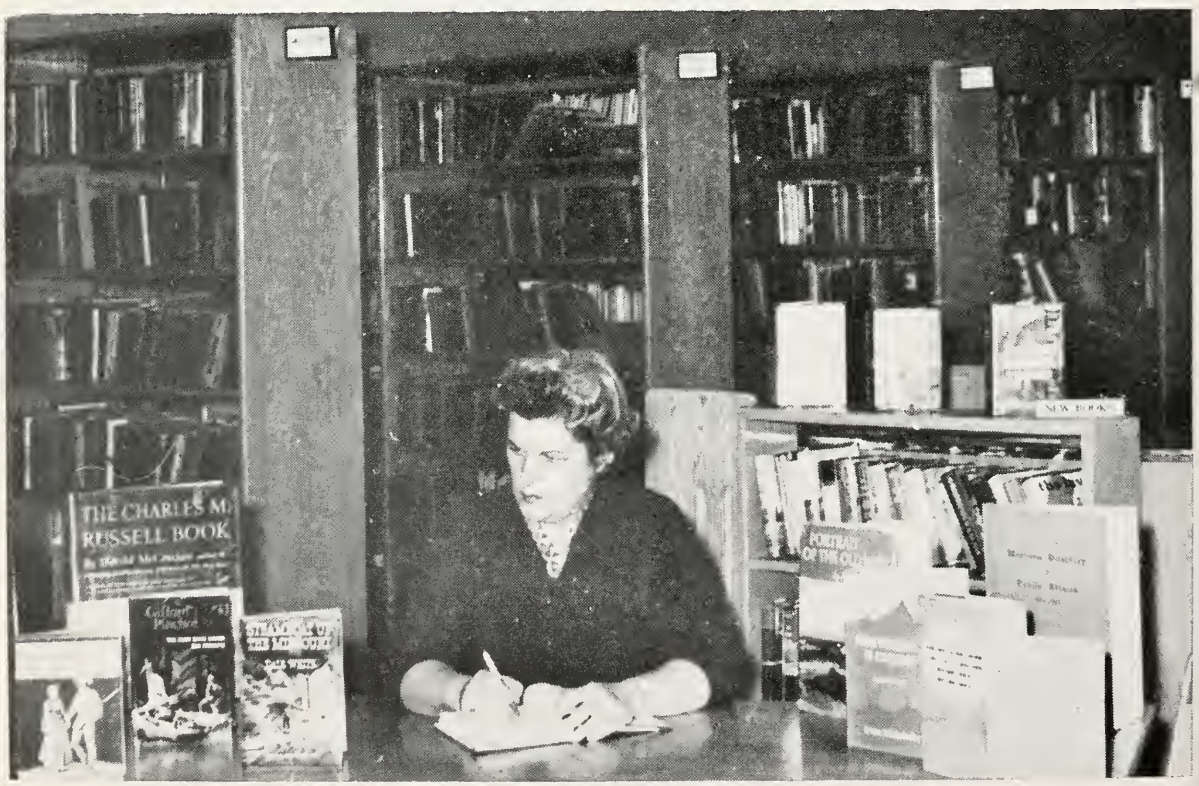
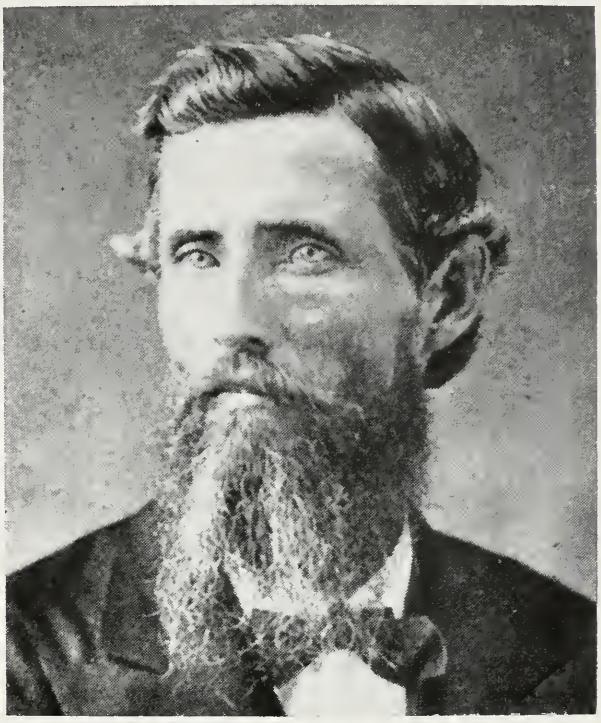
Marian Place (pseud. Dale White) autographs a copy of her new book, "Steamboat Up the Missouri," at a display in the Glendive Public Library, celebrating Montana Day.



Granville Stuart's 150-Mile Ride For Books



Granville Stuart in 1873.
(Courtesy Bitterroot Historical Society.)

James and I were both great readers and [in 1861] we had been all winter without so much as an almanac to look at. We were famished for something to read when some Indians coming from the Bitter Root told us that a white man had come up from below, with a trunk full of books, and was camped with all that wealth, in Bitter Root valley. On receipt of these glad tidings, we saddled our horses and putting our blankets, and some dried meat for food, on a pack horse, we started for those books, a hundred and fifty miles away, without a house or anybody on the route, and with three big dangerous rivers to cross, the Big Blackfoot, the Hell Gate, and the Bitter Root. As the spring rise had not yet begun, by careful searching we found fords on these rivers, but they were dangerous, and at times we were almost swept away. Arriving in the Bitter Root valley we learned that the man who brought the books had gone back to the lower country, but he had left the precious trunk in charge of a man named Henry Brooks, whom we finally found living in a tepee, at a point on Sweathouse creek, near where the town of Victor now stands. We gradually and diplomatically approached the subject of books, and "our hearts were on the ground" when Brooks told us that Neil McArthur, a Hudson's Bay Company trader, who left the books in his care, told him to keep them until he returned. He gave him no authority to sell any of them. We told him how long we had been without anything to read, and how we had ridden many days, seeking that trunk, and that we would

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take all the blame and would make good with McArthur when he returned. At last we won him over, and he agreed to let us have five books, for five dollars each, and if McArthur was not satisfied we were to pay him more.

How we feasted our eyes on those books. We could hardly make up our minds which ones to choose, but we finally settled upon Shakespeare and Byron, both fine illustrated editions, Headley's Napoleon and his Marshals, a Bible in French, and Adam Smith's Wealth of Nations. After paying for them we had just twenty-five dollars left, but then we had the blessed books, which we packed carefully in our blankets, and joyfully started on our return ride of a hundred and fifty miles. Many were the happy hours we spent reading those books, and I have them yet, all except the Wealth of Nations, which being loose in the binding, has gradually disappeared, until only a few fragments remain. McArthur never returned to the Bitter Root valley, and I do not know what became of the rest of the books, but I hope they gave as much pleasure to some others, as did the five to Brother James and myself.

From "Forty Years on the Frontier as seen in the Journals and Reminiscences of Granville Stuart," edited by Paul C. Phillips, first published in 1925 and recently reprinted by Arthur H. Clark Company, Glendale, Calif.

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Hill County Author Tea

Naomi Lane Babson, Montana author, was honored at Hill County's Friends of the Library annual author tea, held this year in Hingham on September 30th. Miss Babson, whose real name is Mrs. Paul Grieder, lives in Bozeman where her husband is head of the English Department at Montana State College. She has written stories, articles and novelettes for a number of our popular magazines, and also several novels, including "I Am Lidian" which is partly laid in Montana, and one published this fall entitled "The Young Fairmaidens."

At the tea, Miss Babson made an interesting talk on "Women in My Novels." It was much enjoyed by her audience which included visitors from the Montana Institute of Arts' Writer's Group from nearby Chinook.

Winners of the Hill County club reading contest were announced at the tea by Mrs. Oscar Hoiseth, president of the Friends. Minneota Friendly Club won first place, Cottonwood Club second and Rudyard Club third. Sopongum Club of Rocky Boy was given honorable mention. The contest is an annual affair sponsored by the Friends. Size of club, variety of the reading and the number of books read are taken into consideration in making the awards.

Books for the Blind

Library Service to the Blind is a program of the Montana State Library Extension Commission carried out through cooperation with the Seattle Public Library and the Library of Congress. Books, catalogs and franking privileges are furnished by the federal government; cost of housing the books and staffing the service is borne by the Seattle Public Library with the help of contractual payments by the State Libraries of Washington and Montana.

The Seattle Public Library furnishes the blind of Montana, both children and adults, with talking books and books in braille—the latter a code system using raised dots. Upon request, the Library will send any blind person in the state a letter about the braille service along with catalogs from which to choose books.

The "talking book" is the name of special long playing phonograph records on which are recorded many of our best contemporary books as well as old time favorites. A doctor's certificate or other proof of blindness is required to get this service. To qualify a person must have a "central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting glasses or have field vision which, at its widest diameter, subtends an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees."

A long play machine with a light tone arm is necessary to play talking books. Should a patron wish to use his own phonograph, information on the make of the machine and the needle in use must be sent to Washington, D.C., for approval, to insure that the recordings are not harmed by the wrong kind of playing equipment. Machines are available on loan from the federal government, and in Montana can be borrowed through the local department of public welfare.

After a reader informs the Library for the Blind that he has a machine and furnishes evidence concerning his vision, service can begin immediately. The public welfare's certification that he is eligible to receive federal talking book machine, is considered sufficient evidence as to lack of vision.

Trial records and catalogs of books available are sent to each new borrower. Each reader is requested to check at least fifty books,

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chosen from the printed catalog and its supplements. When he returns the catalogs to the library they are kept on file. The librarian consults them each time the reader returns a container, and then sends him books listed that have become available. With this system, the reader is assured of having at all times some of the books he wishes to read. In many of our Montana towns the local library cooperates by helping to return books to the post office.

Service to the Blind of Montana dates back to 1906 when the Seattle Public Library began collecting a small group of Braille books. This service was continued until 1934 at which time the Library of Congress established its regional libraries for the blind and made Seattle its distributing center for Washington, Montana and Alaska. For more than twenty years after that date, Montana's blind residents received library service free through the courtesy of the city of Seattle, with the cooperation of the federal government. However, as time went on, use and costs increased until the Seattle Public Library was unable to continue without some compensation.

Consequently in 1956 the Montana State Library Association worked for an appropriation to the Montana State Library Extension Commission that would enable Montana to pay a share of the cost of service to the state's residents. The previous year the Washington State Legislature had made an appropriation of $6,000 so that Washington could pay for service to its borrowers living outside the city of Seattle. Montana, at the time, had slightly more than 300 blind residents using the service and the cost per person was about $12 per year; but the Seattle Public Library was only asking that we make the same per-borrower contribution as the state of Washington: about $10 per borrower.

By now, however, the number of Montana borrowers using the regional library has increased to 850. Costs of service, like other costs, have also increased although the amount per-borrower being paid by the Washington State Library for Washington residents is now only $9.18. For Montana's 850 borrowers, however, that figure represents considerably more than the $3,600 that has been appropriated annually; and we are hoping the State Legislature will raise the appropriation so that we may take care of this increase.

Assembly Of State Libraries

Very nearly every state and territory in the Union was represented at the Assembly of State Librarians, held November 12-14, 1958 at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

L. Quincy Mumford, Librarian of Congress who had extended the invitation to all of the Librarians, opened the three-day session with a warm welcome and a discussion of the relationship between the Library of Congress and the State Libraries.

The excellently planned program included discussions on Services to the Blind, Legislative Reference, Law Library Service, Library Extension of Library Service, General Reference and Archival Services and Depository and Exchange Responsibility for Federal and State Documents. Members of the staff of the Library of Congress and State Librarians both took part in each section of the program.

Dr. Robert D. Leigh, Dean, School of Library Service, Columbia University gave the closing address on Friday. His subject was "The Responsibilities of State Libraries and the Development of Standards of Service."

Bernard Locker, Consultant, National Organizations, Department of Health, Education and Welfare was the guest speaker at the banquet held Thursday, November 13th at the Willard Hotel. His talk was on "Practical Suggestions for Preparation and Presentation of Programs for Legislative Action."

Time was allowed each day for conducted tours through various divisions of the Library of Congress and for a viewing of the film "The Greatest Treasure," which gives an excellent presentation of the services of the Library of Congress.

I had pleasant visits with John Lorenz, Helen Luce, Bill Morin and Mary Helen Mohar, as well as other members of the Library Services Branch. All send greetings to their many Montana Friends.

Comment was enthusiastic on all sides. We all agreed we had had a most instructive and profitable time, one that we would not have missed for the world!

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Montana Libraries and Lib

A 55-year old building on the corner of Second Avenue North at Third a provided opportunities for residents to enjoy richer and fuller lives for a ha

Great Falls' library history began in 1889 with a donation of real estate b to the Valeria Library and Art Association, organized largely through the effo wife of the founder of the city. Early in 1890 the Association opened a librar block and later that year it erected a building. Robert Williams was the first lib by Eloise Pettit. The city took over the Library in 1892 and Lutie E. Weitman b succeeded by Belle Brown.

On October 5, 1903, the present Carnegie Library was built next to the o $35,000, $30,000 of which was donated by Andrew Carnegie. Jennie Connor w children's room was opened in the basement with Josephine Trigg as childre Falls Library has pioneered in library service to children in Montana.) In 1 appointed librarian.

By 1945, when both Miss Fernald and Miss Trigg retired, the Library's c 50,000 mark with special collections in genealogy and Montana history. Marg ed librarian in 1945, and the Library moved ahead with expanded informatio physical facilities. Lucille Simpson succeeded Miss Fulmer in 1952 and Mrs librarian, was appointed June 1, 1954.

The Library serves the City of Great Falls through three agencies: the station in the West Side Community Hall, and the bookmobile which provid outlying areas of the city. The citizens of Great Falls now own a book stock of 8 the Library circulated 337,343 books. In addition to regular trade books the libr records, pictures, pamphlets, magazines, government documents, films, map bed-ridden and talking books and Reader's Digest on records for the blind. Th periodicals and 46 newspapers. Many residents look upon the Great Falls Pub tion center of the City. Requests for information vary from simple questions t research questions. 17,336 reference questions were answered by the library st

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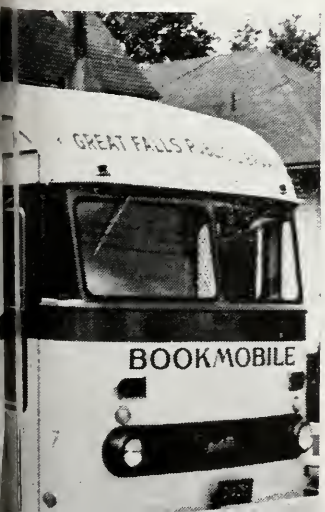
Above: Trustees study a map to determine city-wide areas of service. From left, Mrs. Leo C. Graybill, Mrs. Roy Bell, Major John W. Steffani, Mrs. Robert D. Warden, and Librarian Mrs. Alma Jacobs. At right: Mrs. Jacobs. Below, left to right: The main public library building. The bookmobile which serves outlying areas, and which was put into operation in June, 1956. The 1958 Halloween story hour with Mrs. Eleanor Logan, story teller.



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Community services of the library include: a weekly television show and radio spot announcements concerning the library's resources and its special services; a weekly newspaper column listing new books; preparation of book lists and book exhibits; book reviews and book discussions by the staff; adult film discussions sponsored by the library; and children's story hours broadcast over the radio and held in the library. The Library also serves as the administrative center for the Montana Public Library Cooperative Film Service in cooperation with the Montana State Library Extension Service. Among special collections at the Library not already mentioned are a young adult collection and a collection of telephone directories for cities and towns throughout the United States.

Members of the Board of Trustees are John W. Steffani, Mayor of Great Falls, Mr. Robert B. Fansworth, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Leo C. Graybill, Mrs. Roy H. Bell, and Mrs. Robert D. Warden. There are 15 full time staff members and 11 part time workers.

The tremendous growth of the City of Great Falls in the past few years leaves the Library plagued with growing pains. The physical plant was built over 50 years ago and is now out-dated. Expansion of service is restricted by the acutely crowded condition of the present building. A new building that will provide space for the strong collection and the varied activities essential for good library service in a city the size of Great Falls, has become an imperative need. One of the major recommendations of Henry Wezeman, engaged by the Trustees to make a survey of the Library in 1957, was directed towards the solution of this problem. With these considerations in mind, the Board of Trustees has decided to go before the voters of Great Falls at the April city election with a bond issue for a new building. The Lions Club is spearheading the building program campaign and will solicit necessary signatures to place the bond issue on the ballot. The architectural firm of Knight and Van Teylingen has been selected to draw up the plans.

A new building must incorporate the best and most recent developments in library planning and architecture, emphasizing the maximum convenience to the public. It should be functional in design. There must be a street level entrance, modern lighting and air conditioning, a comfortable informal interior with flexibility of partitions and equipment which will make possible rearrangement of space to fit changing needs. It must provide for modern library service, and for growth of population and library demands for at least 20 years. All of these features will be incorporated in the plans.

Great Falls-Conrad Contract

The board of trustees of the Great Falls Public Library has signed a contract with the Conrad library board to provide cataloging and book processing services. Through the agreement, the Conrad library will have at its disposal the advisory services of a professionally trained staff, materials which have been purchased at discounts much larger than the small independent library may secure and the resources of the excellent reference collection in the Great Falls Public Library.

This is exciting news. Two forward-looking library boards have set the machinery in motion for a plan that will work to their mutual advantage, a big step to a logical and economical way to provide superior library service.

Montana's plan under the Library Services Act provides assistance for federations of libraries. With the present contract, the Great Falls area is now eligible for federal financial aid when funds are available.

The Conrad Public Library Board examines the Montana Institute of the Arts display for Montana Day. From left, Mrs. Florence Turk, Eugene Robinson, Mrs. Pat McNamer, Vaughn Dutio and Mrs. Dorothy Floerchinger.

New Books

By Dick and Persis Darling

The most interesting aspect of the new fall books for children is the large number of books for beginning readers. The success of **Cat in the Hat** and **Little Bear** last year has produced a whole school of sequels and imitations, most of them surprisingly good. Here is a chance to rid the shelves of unattractive primers and to replace them with some delightful little books that the beginner will thoroughly enjoy reading for himself.

The Cat in the Hat Comes Back brings us the same wicked cat and twenty-six others, each one inside the hat of the last. From little cat A through to little cat Z, with his VOOM, each of them adds his bit to the zany situation. Dr. Seuss's rhymes actually make for smoother reading for the beginner than does prose with a similar vocabulary level. This is one of five books that Random House has issued in its Beginner Books series this fall, each of a size, but with a personality of its own and each priced at $1.95.

Mike McClintock's **A Fly Went By** is our second choice among the Beginner Books. This little book uses the old cumulative tale form. First a fly goes by, and then several other animals, each, apparently, pursuing the preceding one. Each time the whole sequence is repeated in "House That Jack Built" fashion. Only at the end do we discover the amusing situation that has all the animals on the run. The book has both suspense and humor.

Another in the series is **A Ball of String,** by Marion Holland. A very young man, left to his own resources, proves that there is a good use for the string he has collected, and a most ingenious use. The illustrations catch the lively humor of the text.

Sam and the Firefly by P. D. Eastman is the story of an owl who teaches a firefly to spell, with disastrous results. But when the firefly has a chance to do some good writing he redeems himself. Children will find the blue and yellow illustrations holding their interest, and Gus, the firefly's escapades funny.

The fifth new title in the series, **The Big Jump** by Benjamin Elkin is a story of kings, castles, magic, a dog, and a boy named Ben. **The Big Jump** is one of three stories, each amusing and surprising. In the first story Ben manages to win a dog for himself, even though only the king was allowed to own a dog. In the second story, "Something

for Children

New," Ben helps the king out of a bad predicament, and in the third, "The Wish Sack," he has troubles with a bad king, himself. Like the others in the series, this book has distinctive illustrations so that no one of them looks like a part of the primer series, any more than it reads like one.

Else Homelund Minarik and Maurice Sendak have joined forces again to produce another "I Can Read" book. This one is very different from **The Little Bear,** but no less successful. **No Fighting, No Biting** is another series of four stories. In this book Cousin Joan, tired of the quarreling of her small cousins, Rosa and Willy, tells them two stories about the young alligators, Quick-Foot and Light-Foot, whose behavior strangely resembles that of Rosa and Willy. The first and last stories deal with the two children and their cousin. The illustrations and decorations are planned so that the book resembles a few pages out of St. Nicholas, with Joan, Rosa, and Willy in costumes of the nineteenth century. (Harper, Reinforced Library Edition, $3.25.)

Margaret Rey gives us **Curious George Flies a Kite,** the same George, but involved in adventures told in a simpler language. As usual it is George's incurable curiosity that gets him into trouble. After an adventure with a bunny he finds himself in the air on the end of a kite string. Finally the man in the yellow hat rescues him by helicopter. The child who has had read to him the earlier George books will enjoy reading this one to himself. Though the text, here, is by a new member of the Rey family, the illustrations are still by H. A. Rey. (Houghton Mifflin, $2.75.)

A realistic story for the beginning reader is Dorothy Kock's **When the Cows Got Out** (Holiday House, $2.50) with illustrations by Paul Lantz. The story of Tim, who leaves the gate open so that the cows get out and then entices them back with cobs of corn, is not too gripping, but the illustrations in black and white help to place this book well above the usual story the children encounter in their school readers.

Not necessarily for a beginning reader, but a delightful book, and our candidate for this year's Caldecott medal is Sesyle Joslin and Maurice Sendak's **What Do You Say, Dear?** The subtitle is "A Book of Manners for All Occasions," and such occasions they are! Whether you are introduced to an elephant or crash your plane through the roof of the princess, you are told the proper thing to say.

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NEW BOOKS FOR CHILDREN—

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The Peaceable Kingdom, is a quiet and tender book of religious poetry by Elizabeth Coatsworth that parents will enjoy reading aloud to their children and which the children will enjoy hearing, snuggling closer to mother or father while they listen. In each of the three poems the author deals with a subject in which we find animals forgetting, at least for a time, their hereditary fears of one another, and living together in peace. First, when they are on way to the ark. Second when they come to worship the infant Jesus in the desert during the flight of the Holy Family to Egypt, and finally when "The Peaceable Kingdom" has come. (Pantheon Books.)

Macmillan has released a new edition of Coatsworth's **The Cat Who Went to Heaven,** Newberry Medal winner in 1931, with new illustrations by Lynd Ward. Though there will undoubtedly be arguments between partisans of the old illustrations and of the new ones, it is undeniable that these are handsome, and that this will make a fine addition to the children's collections.

Dale White has two new books out this fall, one fiction and one biography. **Steamboat Up the Missouri** (Viking, $2.75) is an exciting story of the apprenticeship of Dave MacLaren as cub pilot on a Missouri River steamboat. After many trips between St. Louis and Kansas City, Dave finds himself on a really perilous mission into the dangerous country from Kansas City all the way to Fort Benton, and with really big stakes, including the safety of the country, at issue. In the process Dave becomes a man. **John Wesley Powell; Geologist-Explorer** is a very readable biography of the explorer of the Colorado River. Many details help to make him seem a real person in this book by a Montana author. (Julian Messner, $2.95.)

Storytellers will welcome **The Shepherd's Nosegay,** a selection from three earlier books of Finnish and Czechoslovak tales retold by Parker Fillmore, now out of print. Katherine Love has selected those tales that are among the best in the collections for telling. (Harcourt, $3.00.)

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PROGRESS REPORT

Copies of Montana's progress report during fiscal 1958, issued by MSLEC have been requested by the Washington, D.C. Office of Education, Library Service Branch, for nation-wide distribution. This is gratifying recognition of Montana's plan in action under the Library Services Act.

Formal Opening Of Richey Branch Library

The first day of Children's Book Week, November 3rd, was celebrated in Dawson county with an open house marking the "formal" opening of Richey's new branch library. Made possible by a contract between the county and the Glendive Public Library, it is housed in two attractively decorated large rooms in the basement of the bank building. The library has been open to the public for some little time before Book Week and many of the initial nine hundred books placed there by Perl Coombs, Glendive librarian, were already in brisk circulation. Those that remained looked exceedingly inviting, popular titles in excellent condition with bright plastikleer covers.

The Open House was a big success. There was a steady flow of people, all served with coffee and delicious home-made cakes and cookies provided by members of the American Legion Auxiliary. Comment on all sides was enthusiastic for the new service.

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MONTANA BOOKSHELF

Two local history items containing a wealth of material on the area with which they deal, have been made available in Montana.

"Early Libby and Troy, Montana," is by Olga W. Johnson, who was responsible for the editing of the excellent, earlier volume "Tobacco Plains Country." The first of a series, it is a well-organized and well-written over-all history of the Libby-Troy area. It has a paper cover, spiral binding and many illustrations and is available from Miss Johnson, Libby, Montana, for $2.00.

"Trails, Trials and Tributes," also in paper back with many illustrations, is a revision of an earlier volume prepared by the Egly Community Club, one of the Home Demonstration Clubs of Chouteau County. It consists of short articles, written and submitted by Chouteau County residents, presenting interesting details of their experiences as they recall them. It is available from Mrs. Lura Gessaman, Box 956, Fort Benton, Montana for $3.50.

Norman Fox has a new book "Rope the Wind" (Dodd, $2.75). It is the one that Mrs. Hagie is showing to Mrs. McLeish in the picture of the Montana Day display at Fort Benton. Ellis Waldron's "Atlas of Montana Politics Since 1864" was published this fall by Montana State University. Price $10.00. Very recently published is "Government and Administration of Montana" (Crowell, $7.50) by Dr. R. R. Renne, president of Montana State College.

NLW COMMITTEE

Early in November, State Representative Tom Haines, state chairman for the Montana Committee for National Library Week announced the names of the following members who will serve with him: C. R. Anderson, superintendent of schools, Helena; Mrs. Robert Bemis, president, Montana State Friends of the Library; Lucille Brown, Senior High School Library, Glasgow; Mrs. John W. Cromer, president, Montana Federation of Women's Clubs, Butte; Geraldine Fenn, associate state 4-H leader, Bozeman; Alice Fossen, county superintendent of schools, Wolf Point; Alma Jacobs, librarian, Great Falls Public Library; Mrs. Ernest Koestner, Missoula, legislative chairman Montana PTA and also secretary of the Montana State Friends of the Library; Merwin Moores, Northern Montana College Library, Havre; Andy Oja, editor of the Montana Education Assn. Journal, Helena, and also state chairman, Writer's Group, Montana Institute of the Arts; Allen P. Wharton of the Jaycees, Billings; Rev. James White, Librarian, Carroll College, Helena; and Amy Wold, family life specialist at Montana State College, Bozeman.

Also serving on the committee are Mrs. Constance E. Piccioni of the Montana State College Library at Bozeman who was earlier appointed state executive director for National Library Week by President Margaret Hileman of the Montana State Library Assn., and Ruth O. Longworth, Missoula, secretary of the Montana State Library Extension Commission who will serve as professional consultant.

National Library Week, sponsored by the National Book Committee Inc., in cooperation with the American Library Association, was initiated this past year with more than 5,000 communities participating in the first observance last March. Observance in Montana, spearheaded by the Jaycees, was especially impressive. It is to be observed this year, April 12-18. The slogan for the 1959 celebration will be the same as for the first one: "Wake Up and Read—for a Better-Read, Better-Informed America."

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NLW RESOLUTION

Both the Montana Librarians Committee for 1958 National Library Week and the Montana State Library Extension Service have received personally signed certificates from David H. Clift, Executive Director of the American Library Association, expressing appreciation for Montana's contribution to the success of the celebration and bearing the general resolution passed at ALA's Annual Conference last July which ends with the sentence: To all who planned, to all who gave of their time and funds, to all who carried out the program—the American Library Association expresses the gratitude and appreciation of the library profession and pledges the utmost in cooperation for National Library Week in 1959.

Guests At Bonner

By Astrid Arnoldson

"Know your library" isn't just a slogan on the bulletin board or in the newspapers at the Bonner branch of the Missoula County Free Library. It's the theme of a definite program of action. Once a month, beginning last August, Mrs. Palmer Johnson has been inviting a resident of her service area to assist her as guest librarian for an evening.

Guest librarianship is not a sinecure, either. The guest librarians don't just sit and watch. Mrs. Johnson puts them to work, at her desk and wherever else there's work to do, "breaking them in" just as she would any new assistant at the start.

Three of the first four guest librarians had no previous experience of this kind, and all have said they learned a great deal and very much enjoyed the process.

The idea of this type of guest librarian project is Mrs. Johnson's own, and so far as she or the present writer knows, is unique to the Bonner Branch. Its success thus far suggests that other neighborhood libraries might find it a good thing to try for themselves.

Mrs. Johnson has managed to handle it despite the fact that the two evenings a week at the Bonner branch are only part of her job as a full time member of the city-county staff working most days at the main library in Missoula.

Regular and guest librarians at work, Bonner, September, 1958. — Photo by John Forssen

PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS COVERING THE YEAR 1957-1958

(Blank Spaces Indicate Incomplete Information)

City and Library	Librarian	Population Served*	Mill Levy	Total Income	Per Capita Approp.	Volumes in Library	Circulation
Anaconda, Hearst Free Library	Natalie Sliepcevich	16,553	2.75	18,531.90	1.12	21,645	36,238
Baker, Public Library	Mrs. Elmer Newell	1,772	none	582.50	.33	5,435	4,124
Belfry, Public Library	Mrs. H. R. Routh	752	none	500.00	.66	3,000	1,200
Big Timber, Carnegie Library	Mrs. Sarah Fallang	1,679	3.25	4,041.14	2.41	10,139	19,259
Billings, Parmly-Billings Memorial Library	Ann L. Whitmack	31,834	3.3	106,170.92	3.33	74,999	315,844
Bozeman, Public Library	Margaret Hileman	11,325	2.9	19,551.31	1.73	15,362	72,595
Bridger, Community Library	Mrs. C. L. Tomlinson	854	none	none	none	8,030	3,056
Broadus, Powder River Public Library	Mrs. Mary Watters	2,693	.25	600.00	.22	3,000	250
Butte, Free Public Library	Mrs. Mary Walsh	48,422	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chester, Liberty County Library	Lilly F. Eveland	2,180	.2	1,095.00	.50	4,448	4,870
Chinook, Blaine County Library	Mrs. C. E. O'Brien	8,516	.1	7,817.00	.92	28,000	26,754
Choteau, Public Library	Mrs. Clara M. Roberts	1,618	none	342.05	.21	8,674	1,327
Circle, George McCone Memorial Co. Library	Mabel F. Fillenworth	3,258	.1	4,564.15	1.40	10,728	13,161
Columbus, Stillwater County Library	Mrs. Helen Prichard	5,416	1.	7,200.00	1.33	14,961	49,839
Conrad, City Library	Mrs. J. E. Ritchey	1,865	1.	1,918.44	1.03	5,855	.....
Cut Bank, Glacier County Library	Marie Zile	9,645	1.74	20,295.00	2.10	33,800	96,770
Deer Lodge, William K. Kohrs Mem. Library	Mrs. Marion Calman	3,779	3.5	5,090.00	1.35	11,000	12,000
Denton, Public Library	Mabel E. Rimby	435	2.	753.00	1.73	1,677	85
Dillon, Public Library	Mary L. Innes	3,268	3.	4,143.00	1.27	19,052	11,065
Fairfield, Public Library	Mrs. Gladys B. Ellingson	693	none	131.68	.11	3,000	1,991
Forsyth, Rosebud County Library	Mrs. Cecille Winzeler	6,570	.478	.....	.....	10,050	13,400
Fort Benton, Chouteau County Free Library	Mrs. W. R. Hagie	6,974	1.3	16,299.00	2.34	22,991	28,840
Glasgow, Carnegie City-County Library	Mrs. Helen M. Ewing	11,353	3.5	11,460.00	1.01	28,000	67,878

* 1950 census

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Glendive, Public Library	Mrs. Leon Coombs	5,254	2.9	12,737.50	2.42	11,000	32,206
Great Falls, Cascade County Free Library	Mrs. Amy Patterson	13,813	.57	13,585.00	.98	20,907	43,387
Great Falls, Public Library	Mrs. Alma S. Jacobs	39,214	3.5	117,710.20	3.00	88,112	304,685
Hamilton, Public Library	Mrs. Floy Fitzgerald	2,678	3.5	6,070.00	2.27	11,307	30,234
Hardin, Big Horn County Library	Mrs. Mildred Holland	9,824	1.	9,991.96	1.02	16,954	48,141
Harlowtown, Public Library	Georgia R. James	1,733	none	728.00	.42	8,028	12,191
Havre, Public Library	Mrs. Mary Antunes	8,086	2.4	12,590.00	1.56	18,360	51,857
Havre, Hill County Rural Library	Marjorie Moores	6,199	.65	6,172.00	1.00	11,884	32,814
Helena, Public Library	Mrs. Mabel T. Miller	17,581	2.2	36,042.32	2.05	74,000	99,769
Hysham, Treasure Library	Mrs. Vera Bauzendale	410	none	75.00	.18	1,300	.....
Jordan, Garfield County Free Library	Mrs. Doris M. Mart	2,172	.05	1,498.59	.68	2,305	5,437
Kalispell, Carnegie City Library	Mrs. Jean Sturdivant	9,737	3.5	18,275.00	1.88	30,000	102,426
Kalispell, Flathead County Free Library	Mrs. Mildred H. Grawe	21,758	1.	21,182.00	.97	28,468	134,783
Laurel, Public Library	Frances Fenton	3,663	1.5	6,080.00	1.66	9,726	22,743
Lewistown, Carnegie Public Library	Mrs. K. Elizabeth Pittman	6,573	.3	11,631.53	1.77	16,488	71,552
Libby, Lincoln County Free Library	Mrs. Robert F. Herring	8,693	2.	17,070.00	1.96	29,578	123,519
Livingston, Public Library	Mrs. Helen Ross	7,683	2.24	18,641.86	2.43	14,217	82,642
Malta, Phillips County Library	Mrs. Eunice O. Ward	6,334	none	4,800.00	.76	10,804	21,443
Miles City, Carnegie Public Library	Mrs. Clare M. Smith	9,243	3.25	19,203.00	2.08	20,000	69,925
Missoula, Public Library and County Free Library	Evelyn L. Swant	35,493	2.20 1.143	31,398.29 14,142.37	.88 .40	53,977 24,513	132,599 34,384
Moore, Public Library	Allene Hanchett	224	2.	245.45	1.10	5,000	2,520
Philipsburg, Free Library	Mrs. Frances H. Harrington	1,048	none	250.00	.24	5,000	75

* 1950 census

PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS COVERING THE YEAR 1957-1958

(Blank Spaces Indicate Incomplete Information)

City and Library	Librarian	Population Served*	Mill Levy	Total Income	Per Capita Approp.	Volumes in Library	Circulation
Plains, Public Library	Mrs. Frances Cone	714	3.	1,056.41	1.48	5,309	8,231
Plentywood, Sheridan County Free Library	Mrs. Dorothy Anhalt	6,674	.6	6,000.00	.90	8,000	25,000
Polson, City Library	Mrs. Mildred Pillotte	2,280	1.5	2,574.37	1.13	13,520	22,000
Red Lodge, Carnegie Library	Mrs. Marian E. Adams	2,730	2.6	3,424.38	1.25	8,501	12,771
Ronan, City Library	Lillian Flanagan	1,251	2.	700.00	.56	4,800	100
Roundup, Public Library	Mrs. Stanley Peterson	2,856	1.9	2,675.70	.94	7,418	14,419
Scobey, Daniels County Free Library	Mrs. Bernice M. Sorte	3,946	.34	1,643.12	.42	3,845	.....
Shelby, Toole County Free Library	Mrs. Marguerite Marmont	6,687	.25	7,431.00	1.11	16,819	16,982
Sidney, Public Library	Mrs. Sarah T. Kittleson	3,987	2.	4,859.97	1.22	9,362	19,657
Stanford, Judith Basin County Free Library	Mrs. Elva R. Wineman	3,200	.67	6,500.00	2.03	12,314	19,208
Stevensville, Public Library	Mrs. Ina P. Coolidge	772	.3	978.34	1.27	3,509	3,042
Superior, Mineral County Public Library	Mrs. Maurice Dwyer	2,081	.78	2,670.00	1.28	5,071	7,478
Terry, Public Library	Mrs. Vera Hoagland	1,191	.5	2,116.02	1.78	7,916	11,997
Thompson Falls, City Library	Mrs. L. A. Kemmerer	851	2.	763.47	.90	3,270	5,040
Townsend, Broadwater County Library	Mrs. Florence Muzzy	2,922	.55	1,234.33	.43	5,693	20,562
Twin Bridges, Public Library	Mrs. May Lunger	497	2.	700.00	1.41	6,000	200
Virginia City, Thompson-Hickman Free County Library	Mrs. Florence J. Thomas	5,998	.....	.....	.....	7,090	4,802
Whitefish, Public Library	Mrs. Mabel Engelter	3,268	3.5	4,141.16	1.27	10,810	17,629
White Sulphur Springs, Meagher Co. Library	Mrs. Martha L. Dunkel	2,079	2.	295.14	.14	7,941	4,198
Wibaux, Women's Club Library	Mrs. D. L. Collins	1,907	.....	360.00	.19	3,600	100
Winnett, Community Library	Mrs. Florence Klindt	1,025	.5	.....	.....	2,000	726
Wolf Point, Roosevelt County Library	Mrs. Berenice A. Hanson	9,580	.50	9,700.00	1.01	14,567	26,284

* 1950 census

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THAT ALL MAY READ

We will be looking forward to reports of National Library Week activities from every corner of Montana. Most important to us in our observance of the Week will be the whole-hearted participation by the citizens in thousands of communities throughout the nation, who share our conviction that reading is essential and that good library service is a necessity to our enriched life.

We cannot stress too often the need we have for citizen support, for the interest of the friends in helping us in a year-round, vastly improved public relations program. We have had overwhelming evidence during the last legislature that we have these friends, thousands of them, who did their best for the support of the state library budget. Letters and telegrams poured in from every spot in the state—one from Idaho, too—from friends, trustees and librarians. Every legislator we talked with was well aware of the fact that the Commission exists and that its services are appreciated. The fact that we received the small increase over the preceding biennum in a year when rigid economy was proposed, is a fine testimonal to the efforts in our behalf.

The fact that we did not receive the amount we need for Headquarters expense and operation, points up the necessity we have for even **more** concern for the value of libraries, books and reading. As a public service in the nation that provides continuing education after formalized schooling is past, we must extend our services to the fullest extent; we must publicize our wares in the most effective way possible. With the help of all good friends, let us establish that library support is earned and deserved and that books for all used by all, is not an impossible ideal if enough of us believe it.

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The Wonderful

by Alma Jacobs

Abridged from a talk made at the Librarians and Extension Agent Workshop, Missoula, January 15

I am truly happy to have an opportunity to tell you about "The Wonderful World of Books." It is a topic of great significance to all of us. As Max Lerner, Professor of American Civilization at Brandeis University, has said: "Before we can have a man thinking, we must have a boy reading." Librarians are indeed fortunate that it is their purpose and pleasure to guide people toward the rewards of reading and books.

It is also a topic especially fitting for a joint meeting of extension people and librarians called together to consider cooperation under the Library Services Act. The little book by that title was an outgrowth of the Conference on Rural Reading held by the Extension Service of the United States Department of Agriculture in September 1951. From that Conference developed the Rural Reading program and from the Rural Reading program came the impetus that finally made the Library Service Act a reality.

Furthermore it is a real pleasure for me personally to come to Missoula at this time to talk on this subject. Recently I have been involved in trying to get a building bond issue passed for our own library. All too frequently we librarians become so involved in such things as bond issues, surveys, workshops and library routines that we have little time to think about books. Yet at the heart of all our activity is a book. The reason we all need higher budgets is a book. And it is good to have this opportunity to get together and explore the "wonderful world of books."

Turning to the book by that name I find this apt quotation from Bennet Cerf's "It's fun to read":

> Books can be as demanding and undemanding as you like. You can find a book that refreshes you immediately, a book with a laugh on page one; or you can find pleasure in a book that seems hard and is full of new ideas that are fun to wrestle with. Books make few demands on your routine. They travel with you or stay home and keep you company in bad weather . . .

Or, turning back, we find these words of T. V. Smith:

> Books extend our narrow present to a limitless past. They show us the mistakes of men before us and share with us recipes for human success. There's nothing to be done which books will not help us to do better.

World of Books

He quotes from Winnifred Garrison:

Softly I closed the book as in a dream,
And let its echoes linger to redeem
Silence with music, darkness with its gleam.
That day I worked no more, I could not bring
My hands to toil, my thoughts to trafficking.
A new light shone on every common thing.
Celestial glories streamed before my gaze.
That day I worked no more; but, to God's praise,
I shall work better all my other days.

Walk into any library, however small, in any place in the country, and browse among its shelves and you will find confirmation of the immeasurable value of books. Recently I was passing through our own children's room when my eyes happened to light on Aesop's Fables. It was a long time since I had had occasion to read this old time favorite so I took it from the shelves and leafed through it. I was stopped by the fable of the wind and the sun. Listen to this wisdom from ages long past.

A dispute once arose between the Wind and the Sun, which was the stronger of the two, and they agreed to put the point upon this issue, that whichever soonest made a traveller take off his cloak, should be accounted the more powerful. The wind began and blew with all his might and main . . . but the stronger he blew the closer the traveller wrapped his cloak around him, and the tighter he grasped it with his hands. Then broke out the Sun . . . The traveller felt the genial warmth, and as the sun shone brighter and brighter, he sat down, overcome with the heat, and cast his coat upon the ground. Thus the Sun was declared the conqueror and since it has been deemed that persuasion is better than force; that the sunshine of a kind and gentle manner will sooner lay open a poor man's heart than all the threatenings and force of blustering authority.

Turning from the past to the present, let's take a second look at the prize winning novel "Dr. Zhivago," by Boris Pasternak. Recently, in the St. Louis Dispatch, Mervyn Davies posed these questions about that much-talked-of book: "Does it contain as much dynamite as actions of the Russians authorities in banning it proclaimed. Would it have been a greater mistake for them to have allowed the book to be published in Russian, than to have paraded to the world their frantic fear and appalling intolerance."

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WONDERFUL WORLD OF BOOKS—

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Only a handful of passages directly and adversely comment on Bolshevism. One of them, on page 404, reads:

> Untruth came down on our land of Russia. The main misfortune, the root of all evil to come, was the loss of confidence in the value of one's opinion. People imagined that it was out of date to follow their own moral sense, that they must all sing in chorus, and live by other people's notions, notions that were being crammed down everybody's face.

And again the author says on page 42:

> I think that if the beast who sleeps in man could be held down by threats—any kind of threat, whether of jail or of retribution after death—then the highest emblem of humanity would be the lion tamer in the circus with his whip, not the prophet who sacrifices himself. But don't you see, this is just the point—what for centuries raised men above the beast is not the budgel, but an inward music; the irresistable power of unarmed truth, the powerful attraction of its example.

What could the Soviet rulers do with a book that breathes that kind of philosophy but ban it and proclaim its author a criminal.

But here is the real miracle. For forty years this man has lived in the heart of Russia, subject to all the pressures of the Soviet system. Yet at the end he can still tell the world—and would like to tell his people—that his loyalty is not to the state, but to immortality—to Christ. This is the very summit of treason. And the question naturally arises: Is Boris Pasternak a solitary phenomenon? Is he a lone survivor? Or does he speak for an unheard but still living Russia?

You see, we **must** read. We must read for the courage and inspiration such a book can bring us—for an understanding of what goes on behind the news—for the background which enables us to think things through for ourselves.

Let us turn to Shakespeare—to the Merchant of Venice. Shylock is speaking—Shylock who has always been the symbol of vindictive impulses that we deplore. His motivation was revenge and that is not good. Yet even the outcasts of this world have a point of view that needs to be expressed and listened to, they have something to tell us and we have an opportunity to hear it—in a book. Shylock says:

> He hath disgraced me and hindered me half a million; laughed at my losses, mocked at my gains, cooled my friends, haulted mine enemies—and what's his reason. I am a Jew.

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WONDERFUL WORLD OF BOOKS—

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Antonio and his friends would have shrugged their shoulders and turned away but the savage intensity of the man held them silent and motionless.

"I am a Jew" say Shylock and his voice mounts with the mounting memories of an old outrage.

Hath not a Jew eyes? Hath not a Jew hands, organs, dimensions, senses, affections, passions? Fed with the same food, hurt with the same weapons, subject to the same diseases, healed by the same means and cooled by the same summer as the Christian is? If you prick us, do we not bleed? If you tickle us, do we not laugh? If you poison us, do we not die?

Shylock's speech is immortal because it is universal, both in time and space. His words might apply to a Spanish American in California, an Indian in Montana, or a Negro in Arkansas. The agony behind those words is throbbing still.

All truly great books have this quality of universality. Let us flip the pages to Portia's speech on mercy—a speech as valid today as is St. Paul's sermon on loving kindness:

The quality of mercy is not strained;
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven
Upon the place beneath: it is twice blest;
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes
. . . . . .
It is an attribute to God himself;
And earthly power doth then show likest God's
When mercy seasons justice.

In closing I quote from the unique joint statement issued by two former presidents of the United States, Herbert Hoover and Harry S. Truman, for National Library Week in March, 1958.

The Bible tells us that the truth shall make men free. We Americans know that if freedom means anything, it means the right to think. And the right to think means the right to read—anything, written anywhere, by any man, at any time. Print is our passport to truth; it opens the richest empire man knows—the empire of the human heart and mind. Men die, devices change, success and fame run their course, but within the walls of even the smallest library in our land, lies the treasure, the wisdom and wonder of man's greatest adventures on the earth.

Montana Libraries and Lib

The Missoula Free Public Library has had three phases in its developm
public library, as a city and county library and as a coordinating library of t
of Libraries.

Created in April, 1894, it derived its basic collection of 519 volumes from t
Reading Circle formed in the winter of 1882-83, a Kalispell Chautauqua Circ
1885-1889, and the Missoula Library and Gymnasium Association which orga
ters were two rooms in the Higgins Block, its first book order was authorized a
the board, and its first librarian, Mrs. Sue K. Reinhard, was appointed to begi
The library first opened its doors to the public on Monday, November 19, 1894
later, having outgrown its quarters in the Higgins Block, it leased three room
was then under construction. The library remained in the latter Block until the
structed in 1903—the basement and first story being built in that year and the
fall of 1913. Two Carnegie grants in the amounts of $12,500 and $9,000 were
struction and the city provided the site.

In the fall of 1916, the County Commissioners of Missoula County voted t
and a contract was made between the County Commissioners and the Board
Free Public Library whereby the public library assumed the functions of a co
to serve all the people of the county. On January 1, 1917, the Missoula Cour
eration as a department of the public library.

With the passage of the federal Library Services Act of 1956 and with fun
tiple county demonstrations of library service, the Missoula Public and County
agreed to be the coordinating center for the seven surrounding counties, by p
ice to the rural areas without library service and cooperating with six other lib
talized processing, interlibrary loan, and field advisory work.

The Missoula Library has a book collection of 78,490 volumes, has files
receives 17 newspapers. Circulation for the year 1957-58 was 166,983 volume
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and summer reading programs for children, Great Books discussion goups, m
gest talking books for the blind.

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Above: Montana writers at 1958 National Library Week tea. From left, Albert J. Partoll, Dr. H. G. Merriam, Grace T. Barnett, Milton Lott, Dorothy M. Johnson, Archie Joscelyn, Mark J. Boesch. At right: Evelyn Swant. Below, left to right: Story hour in the children's room with Richard Darling. Mrs. Doris Coughland and Mrs. Gladys George, circulation librarians, at the main loan desk. Virginia Lucy, children's librarian, checking out books in the after school rush.

MONTANA LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS—

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In the period from 1894 to 1955, the library had fifty persons appointed to its Board of Directors. When the Commission-Management form of government was instituted, the Library Board was discontinued and its last meeting was held on April 12, 1955. Members at that time were Russell L. Neal, Chairman, Emmet Glore, Mrs. Donovan Worden, C. H. Christensen, and Elmer Dragstedt. Honored at that time was John F. Patterson, who had served on the board almost continuously from 1931 until his death on March 1, 1955.

The Missoula Library has had five librarians—Mrs. Reinhard, who served until 1904, Grace Stoddard from 1904 until 1918, Elizabeth B. Powell from 1918 to 1934, Nina M. Ford from 1934 to 1947, and Evelyn L. Swant who has served since 1947.

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Story Hour Workshop

Alma Jacobs and Ruth Longworth conducted a workshop in story telling in Conrad on Saturday, February 28. The workshop had been requested by Conrad's Friends of the Library who have been doing such a fine job of helping to revitalize library services. A Saturday story hour is one of the new features being offered.

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Librarians and Extension Agents Workshop

An interesting workshop was held in Missoula on January 15, 1959, when members of the Five Valleys and Northwest Federation of Libraries met with county agricultural and home demonstration agents of the nine participating counties to discuss common problems. There were about thirty people present including Miss Amy Wold, Family Life Specialist, and Mrs. Louis Shunk, Assistant Home Demonstration Agent State Leader, both from Bozeman. The purpose of the meeting was to explore ways in which the librarians and extension agents can cooperate in making reading material available to rural people, and especially ways in which the librarians can help the agents by providing materials especially adapted to their programs. It was the opinion of the group that the first step to be taken was for the librarians and agents to become acquainted with one another and with what they are respectively trying to accomplish in their communities. The January meeting in itself was considered an important move in this direction. An abridgment of the talk Alma Jacobs gave the group at the luncheon session is printed elsewhere in this issue.

Helen Ewing Honored

Helen Ewing was honored in January with the award of Glasgow's Woman of the Year Title at a dinner meeting of the Glasgow Business and Professional Women's Club. Helen was cited for her spirit of leadership and her record in building up Glasgow's city library. Special mention was made of her speaking ability which has occasioned her being in demand in many community programs. Helen is also state library chairman for the American Association of University Women and is a member of the board of SLEC.

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MONTANA BOOKSHELF

Sister Mary Paul, author of the recently released "He Chose Catherine" (Vantage press, 3.00) is teacher-librarian of Havre Central High School. Her book was written in commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of the death of Catherine Deamen, foundress of the sisters of Saint Francis of Penance and Christian Charity. Other recent books by Montana authors, are "Never Turn Your Back" (Doubleday, 2.95), a mystery story by Margaret Scherf who is to be banquet speaker at the MSLA convention in May, and "Kit Carson of the Old West" (Farrar, Straus, 1.95), a juvenile biography by Mark Boesch.

Coming out in March is a new book by Marion Place (Dale White, pseud.) "Hold Back the Hunter" (John Day, 3.50), a fictionalized account for young people of the first organized exploration of the area which was to constitute Yellowstone National Park. It is a good story with an authentic historical background. Also to be published in March are "Good-bye Old Dry" (Doubleday, 3.95) a humorous novel by Dan Cushman; "Wild Justice" (Macmillan, 2.95) a western by Robert McCaig, and two juveniles by former residents of Montana: "Ski Lodge Mystery" (Random House, 2.95) by Montgomery Atwater relates further adventures of Brad Davis, hero of the Popular "Avalanche Patrol;" "Buffalo Kill" (Nelson, 2.95) is a story of a Blackfoot Indian boy, written and illustrated by Gardell Dano Christensen the sculptor who was responsible for the fine buffalo-jump diorama and other work in the Historical Museum at Helena. D'Arcy McNickle, another former Montanan, is joint author with Harold E. Fey of "Indianas and Other Americans: Two Ways of Life Meet," to be published in May (Harper, 3.50). A recent book for young people, not by a Montanan, but pertinent to Montana history, is Helen Miller's stirring biography of Chief Joseph, "Thunder Rolling" (Putnam, 3.00).

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Granville Stuart was chosen first president of the Montana State Library Association in 1906.

New Books

by Peggy Gadbow

There are so many fine and varied books being published now for children of different ages—honest books, well written and well organized, to encourage or stimulate hobbies and to satisfy the need to know, surely and accurately; inspirational books; and delightful, beguiling books to entertain. The balance is needed. Give them books to broaden their world and their interests, to deepen social understanding and to cultivate appreciation of beauty, books to develop desirable standards, and books of merriment and escape. These are the books to grow on.

Patsy Pat told by Elizabeth S. Helfman and photographed by Grete Mannheim is the story of a little duck, different from the others by virtue of a red bow. Patsy Pat explores her barnyard universe trying to learn who tied the ribbon round her neck. The perfectly synchronized black and white photographs please the literal minded child and they are as delightful and refreshing in themselves as is Patsy Pat's enlightenment and discovery of the joy of being loved (Dutton, 1958, 2.50).

Little Sioux Girl (Lippincott, 1958, 2.75) is from the Roundabout America Series, designed to create and foster in children friendly understanding of the many communities and people which make up America today. In her story of Eva White Bird, a little Sioux girl who lived in the town of Black Horse on a government Indian reservation, Lois Lenski depicts honestly and compassionately the problems of the modern Indian of the reservation. At the same time she captures the dignity, generosity, and cheerfulness of the Sioux in the face of grim and sordid surroundings.

Prayers for children, **Bless This Day,** is a beautifully illustrated inspirational book which includes prayers by writers of every denomination, Catholic and Protestant, modern and ancient. The carefully selected compilation of Elfrida Vipont and the sensitive, gentle art of Harold Jones combine to bring the children and adults alike religious concepts of peace and good will, the blessing of life and the security of God's love. (Harcourt, 1958, 3.25.)

Orphaned Tom Pippin and his ten year old sister find themselves at the mercy of an unscrupulous uncle who sells Tom in bond to the captain of the Lady Peg, bound out of London for America in 1716. He falls into the hands of a cruel and terrorizing captain of a pirate ship and there follows a series of perilous adventures on the high seas. **Pirates Promise** by Clyde Robert Bulla (Crowell, 1958, 2.75) is an action packed adventure story which post-primer readers can very nearly

read alone. Slow readers of an older age will find it most appealing for its lively plot and simple vocabulary.

Wide Awake and other poems by Myra Cohn Livingston with drawings by Jacqeline Chwast (Harcourt, 1959, 2.25) is another book of poetry which enters the heart of a child's world to catch its pleasure and spontaneity.

Beatrice Schenk de Regnier's luring little book of verse, **Something Special** will delight the children. The sounds are rythmic, the images funny, and the words are catchy. Irene Haas captures all the nonsense, the music and laughter and dreams of children in her fine drawings. (Harcourt, 1958, 2.25.)

Joan Walsh Anglund, author-artist of **A Friend is Someone Who Likes You** scores again with **The Brave Cowboy** (Harcourt, 1959, 1.95). With irresistible drawings and text the young cowboy is taken from sun-up to sun-down through a big day of hunting buffalo, shooting rattlesnakes, rounding up rustlers, and finally to his bunk to dream the dreams of all good cowboys. The littlest will cherish this one.

Some of the new biographies for young people seem especially commendable. Robin McKown gives a remarkable presentation of the history of the United States between 1880-1909 in a lively western tale, **Painter of the Wild West, Frederick Remington.** (Messner, 1959, 2.95.) **Jedediah Smith, Trail Blazer of the West,** by Hal G. Evert is the dramatic story of a physically and morally courageous young hero of the early West. (Putnam's, 1959, 3.00.) Rafaello Busconi's factual story **The Man Who Was Don Quixote** set in 16th century Spain is a sound historical and biographical work which will appeal to adults as well as young people. Insight into the complex personality of the immortal author, Miguel Cervantes, is given with understanding and reverence and the skilful black and white line drawings by the author contribute greatly to the text. (Prentice-Hall, 1958, 3.95.) Peggy Chambers' **A Doctor Alone** (Abelad-Schuman, 1958, 2.75) is a stirring account of a pioneer in the field of medicine, Elizabeth Blackwell, and her crusade for women's rights. It is an excellent biography for young people, handling intelligently the psychological as well as the factual and historical aspects of the times and life of the first woman doctor in America.

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Montana's first county library was that of Chouteau County organized at Fort Benton in 1916. It was closely followed in the same year by Phillips County at Malta.

School Library Curriculum Committee

At the January 10th meeting of the School Library Curriculum Committee appointed in 1958 by Harriet Miller, Superintendent of Public Instruction, each member took an assignment to make a study of a selected school library problem or activity. Members will report on their respective studies at the next meeting of the Committee in April. Subsequently the reports will be mimeographed and sent to school libraries throughout the state.

As Chairman of the Committee, Ruth Longworth made a report on its work at a meeting of the Corvallis PTA on February 3rd and showed the film "Carpet Under Every Classroom." There was a good attendance and real interest was evidenced in school library service which reflects the fine work done by Mrs. Helen Micke, the high school librarian.

The "Carpet under Every Classroom," a film about a school library, has been very popular. In addition to Corvallis it has been shown, among other places, in Billings (to several groups) in Bozeman, Ennis, Glasgow, Malta, Missoula, Sunburst and Three Forks. It is a good film to show to both the parents of high school students and to the students themselves. Supplemented with a book exhibit, it makes a fine program. We can supply both.

Another popular film available for loan is "Yours for the Asking." It tells the story of regional library service in the scenic State of Washington.

A Five Valley Federation Bookmobile Stop at Heron in Sanders County.

Federation Bookmobile Statistics

by Astrid Arnoldson

Two library federation bookmobiles circulated 131,323 volumes in nine western Montana counties during the year and a half ending December 31, 1958. Designed in each case to serve the needs of their own areas, their policies vary widely and statistical reports on them are dissimilar.

The bookmobile of the four-member Northwest Montana federation serves Lincoln and Flathead counties and includes school library service in its activities. The Five Valleys federation serves seven counties, has seven member-libraries, school service by mail, and a more than 2,000-mile monthly bookmobile schedule. The Northwest Montana bookmobile reports the larger circulation, totalling 93,201 volumes to the Five Valleys bookmobile's 38,302, but the latter has served about 1,100 rural families to the Northwest bookmobile's 714.

The Northwest federation coordinator, Mrs. Robert Herrig, attributes directly to the organization a tripling of service to rural residents by the four member-libraries in the overall period. Statistical evaluation of the many factors in the Five Valleys situation is impossible but coordinator Evelyn Swant can claim that the service has made a tremendous contribution. This is witnessed by bookmobile patrons throughout the seven counties, who have volunteered to driver-librarian Douglas Brown statements of ardent hope that the service can and will continue after the federal-aid demonstration period ends in June.

County breakdowns for the Northwest Montana federation show circulation of 53,953 volumes to schools and 387 families in Flathead, and 39,068 to schools and 327 families in Lincoln. Five Valleys reports circulation for the last six months and for the entire demonstration period, respectively, as follows: Granite, 1,284 and 3,379; Lake, 2,389 and 6,704; Mineral, 1,274 and 3,584; Missoula, 1,773 and 5,425; Powell, 751 and 4,253; Ravalli, 1,793 and 5,749, and Sanders, 2,590 and 9,210.

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GIFT FOR MILES CITY

As we go to press we have received word from Clare Smith that the Miles City Library has received a gift of $11,000, from the treasury of the YMCA which has been accumulating in the bank for several years. The library board is contemplating an addition to the present very much crowded building.

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The library that Major Owens had at his trading post near Stevensville in the early 1860's was described by John Mullan as the "finest I have ever seen on the north Pacific coast."

MSLA CONVENTION, MAY 1, 2, 3

It is too late in this issue to make suggestions for National Library Week programs. By the time it reaches you, your plans will be all set. Instead we are suggesting that after the Week is over you take a good look at its accomplishments in the light of planning a continuing library public relations program. In the October, 1958 issue of "Library Trends," Mildred Buder Buchanan writes:

> In a rapidly changing world, librarians are faced with many new and different kinds of competition, not only in the areas of service and communication, but also in the areas of finance and personnel. Social, scientific, and economic changes have brought a host of new challenges as well as problems. Often, the very existence of a library depends on how well it meets these changes. Because of these conditions, it is advisable to take a long look at the existing public relations program in every library to determine whether it is adequate, and if it is not, how it can be improved.

Alma Jacobs is to conduct a workshop on public relations at the MSLA meeting in Livingston on Friday, May 2. Alma is a fine leader and will have a great deal to bring to the group that is highly worthwhile. The success of the workshop, however, will depend on those who attend and the inspiration and ideas that they get from it.

Out-of-state speakers at the convention will be Eleanor Ahler, Executive Secretary of the American Association of School Librarians and Eleanor Ferguson, Executive Secretary of the Public Library Association. Gerry Fenn, Associate State 4-H Leader will discuss work with young people at the Friday dinner, with reference to the presiding community participation workshop, and Margaret Scherf, Montana author, will speak at the Saturday evening banquet. At the Friday Friends luncheon Pat McNamer, trustee from Conrad, will tell what Friends have done to help with Conrad's library development. Carrie Koestner, PTA state legislative chairman and state Friends Group secretary, will also be on this program, with Beverly Bemis presiding. Saturday afternoon at the meeting on Montana authors, speakers will be Jo Sykes and Peggy Kraenzel, both authors of horse stories with a Montana setting, and Verne Dusenberry, Professor of English at Montana State College, better known to some of us as the author of articles on Montana's Indians.

We congratulate Peg Hileman on a splendid program and a stimulating group of speakers. We do not think that anyone interested in the problem of reading and books in Montana can afford to miss this meeting.

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By mutual confidence and mutual aid
Great deeds are done and great discoveries made.

— ALEXANDER POPE

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One cannot help many, but many can help one.

— CHESHIRE PROVERB

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"Each time officials of a small public library fail to reach out to joint action with other libraries, readers in the locality suffer."

— OREGON STATE LIBRARY

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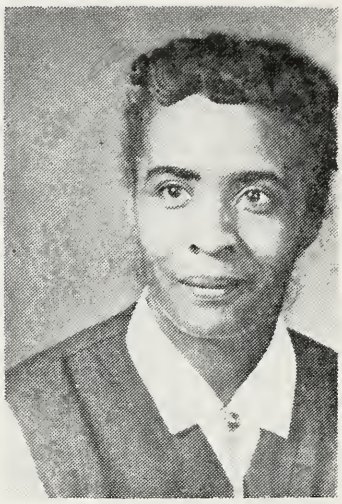
Greetings From Our New MSLA President



The response of Friends of Libraries in Montana during the past year is very encouraging to libraries in the State. We were all pleased to see Friends at the meeting in Livingston and we hope there will be more at next year's Conference in Great Falls, May 6, 7 and 8. Libraries need their interest and cooperation.

The important job of getting support for the State Library must not be overlooked. The State Library has to be in a position to help small libraries and to encourage the development of library service in areas without service. Support is needed, too, for community libraries throughout the State and well informed Friends are sure to keep library needs before tax conscious councils, commissioners and legislators.

The history of most libraries in the State is one of small appropriations, insufficient staffs, too few books and outgrown buildings. We are convinced that people think libraries are worthwhile institutions. Our job is to help them translate this belief in the worth of libraries into a desire to adequately support them. In order to get the library's activity supported by a cross section of groups in the community, the library has to be useful to these groups. The responsibility of the librarian is clear. The library must be a vital part of the community.

I think, too, a great deal of consideration and more than lip-service should be given to the idea of larger units of service as a means of overcoming inadequate tax support for libraries in our State. The MSLEC has led the way in planning for two federations in the western part of Montana and has plans in progress for two others in the State. All of us who are interested in good library service for the people of Montana need to explore similar ways to implement the idea of library cooperation. In the final analysis this can be the answer to our starving libraries.

—ALMA JACOBS

1959 National Library Week

In their second observance of National Library Week, Montana's libraries and community organizations have once more done an outstanding job, according to Mrs. Constance Piccioni, State Executive Director for the week's observance. Her report, based on news sent in to her by local committees, states that in Montana 61 events in celebration of the week were held in libraries, and 68 outside of libraries. There were 125 window or similar displays outside of libraries. News items or editorials were carried by 64 daily and 61 weekly newspapers; NLW material was broadcast by 10 radio stations and 3 TV stations. Among organizations that planned NLW activities were PTA units, Legion Auxiliaries, Jayceens, Friends of the Library, Home Demonstration Clubs, Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Church groups, Soroptomists and Federation of Women's Clubs.

Our congratulations go to Mrs. Piccioni, to Tom Haines, State Chairman, and to other members of the state committee and to the many local committees for their splendid work and fine leadership. In commenting on the results of the program we cannot do better than paraphrase a paragraph from last year's National Report on Observance: "Perhaps the most important thing we have learned is the tremendous strength that friends of libraries, books and reading have when they act together. With this, we have learned that people everywhere in Montana have a profound interest and respect for libraries, books and reading—and more than ever today a concern for the quality of intellectual life in our great state."

Next year National Library Week will fall on May 3-9.

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NLW HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB READING POLL

Miss Amy E. Wold, Family Life Specialist, Extension Service, Montana State College, Bozeman, Montana and member of the 1959 State National Library Week Committee, is one of Montana's staunchest believers in the value of reading. Recently she made a reading poll of Home Demonstration Club members. Incomplete returns so far received by Miss Wold indicate a high reading average among those members —higher than the American average as indicated by Gallup polls of the reading habits of American adults taken in 1954, 1947 and 1937. We are not surprised to hear this because the Home Demonstration Clubs are among the most ardent supporters of better library service for Montana.

RITA McDONALD has done an outstanding job for the Commission as Assistant Secretary since February 1958. She is leaving her present position to return to Montana State College at Bozeman to assist Dean Roy E. Huffman with the completion of research for a book he is writing on Montana's contribution to agricultural policy and to work on several projects concerned with Montana history in connection with the completion of work for a Masters of Science degree at the College.

We are pleased to announce that she will continue to assist the Commission with its Montana collection, with advice and counsel on purchase, and with the "Montana Bookshelf" currently featured in each issue of **Montana Libraries.** The valuable annotated lists of books in print on Montana which she has compiled will be kept up-to-date with her assistance. Rita's deep interest and her knowledge of Montana history and its literature have given the librarians of the state excellent help in building up their Montana collections. Expressions of appreciation have been received both from librarians and from bibliographers out of the state.

Our best wishes go with her. Our one consolation is that she is not leaving Montana and so will be available for consultation on the many activities of our expanded program, which she has so ably helped in developing during the past two years.

Montana State Library Association's

Peg Hileman can well be proud of the success of the May MSLA annual meeting in Livingston. She deserves the thanks of the Association for a well planned, most interesting program—as well as a most successful year as president. The local committee—Helen Ross and her staff, Mrs. Lloyd Griffith and other members of the Livingston Public Library Board and cooperating librarians from Bozeman—are also to be congratulated on the efficient and pleasing arrangements.

MSLA was honored by having two representatives from ALA at the meeting, to participate in the program and to consult with librarians individually: Miss Eleanor Ferguson, Executive Secretary of the Public Library Association and the American Association of State Libraries, and Miss Eleanor Ahlers, Executive Secretary of the American Association of School Libraries. Miss Ahlers gave a most interesting and provocative talk on "Cooperation between school and public librarians" on Saturday morning and Miss Ferguson took part in Friday afternoon's helpful Public Participation Workshop, conducted by Alma Jacobs, MSLA's new president. Miss Ferguson also brought greetings from ALA to the Saturday noon luncheon. Mrs. R. D. Worden of Great Falls, Montana's chairman for the American Association of Library trustees, gave a "Message to Trustees" at this luncheon; and Mrs. Pat McNamer, chairman of the Conrad Public Library Board, gave a talk which is printed elsewhere in this issue.

The Association was also fortunate in having a number of our Montana authors on the program. Verne Dusenberry, who in recent years has been known for his lucidly written and authoritative articles on Montana's Indians, gave a thought-provoking and enjoyable talk on Northwest literature, Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Carl (Peggy) Kraenzel, who has written under the name of Wallace Blue, and Miss Jo Sykes talked informatively and entertainingly of their "Experiences as a writer" at the same session. Mrs. Kraenzel's **Mouse Grey Stallion** is a fine horse story for younger readers with an authentic Montana background. Jo Sykes' adventure stories for teen-agers—**Stubborn Mare** and **Wolf Dog of Ambush Canyon**—also have a Montana background and give evidence of a first-hand knowledge of dogs, horses and ranch life.

Another well-known Montana author, Peggy Scherf, was banquet speaker. Miss Scherf's address proved as delightfully humorous as is her writing. All of the books she has written are mystery stories—with intriguing plots and a charming style. Many of them, including the recently published **"Never Turn Your Back",** are laid in Montana and relate the detective adventures of the Reverend Martin Buell.

Forty-Sixth Annual Convention

On Friday evening, MSLA provided a further treat for its members with a splendid address, "Working with Young People", by Miss Geraldine Fenn, Associate State 4-H Club Leader. "Books", Miss Fenn pointed out, "serve as passports to the world of ideas". They can be our civilization's answer to the "beatniks". Miss Fenn, who is doing an outstanding job in helping to bring this answer to the young people of our state, was generous in giving credit to others. One after one she enumerated activities of Montana librarians who are "working with young people".

Other highlights of the program were the session on weeding and mending conducted by Doris Wilson, Bozeman, and Bea O'Mahoney, Great Falls; the panel on "Public Relations for the School Library", led by Mrs. Irene A. Greenleaf of Laurel, with Miss Ahlers as consultant; and the symposium on the work of Miss Harriet Miller, Superintendent of Public Instruction's School Library Committee with Eilene M. Morrison, Bozeman, presiding.

Proceedings of the meeting, compiled by MSLA's secretary, Rita Nelsen, will be printed in full in the next issue of the MSLA Quarterly.

In closing this resume of MSLA's convention we want to extend our commendation to Zada Bridges for the fine job she has done as treasurer. The monthly list of new and renewed memberships that she has so faithfully and promptly forwarded to the Commission at the same time as she sent it to Miss Lesley Heathcote, editor of MSLA's Quarterly and Mrs. Beverly Bemis, chairman of the State Friends' Group, has proved of inestimable benefit.

New officers elected at the meeting were: Alma Jacobs, Great Falls, President; Helen Ewing, Glasgow, Vice-Chairman; Lillie Eveland, Chester, Treasurer; and Eilene Morrison, Bozeman, Secretary. Mrs. Beverly Bemis, Superior, and Mrs. Carrie Koestner, Missoula, were chosen to serve a second term as chairman and secretary of the Friends Group and they were empowered to select a vice-chairman. Elected to the Montana Association of School Librarians were: Letitia Johnson, Ronan, Chairman; Frances Wells, Helena, Vice-Chairman; Sylvia Lilliehaugen, Missoula, Secretary; and Jane Carey, Glendive, Secretary. The School Librarians adopted a constitution which stated that its Board should consist of the above members plus the past chairman, Bill Pate of Billings, and one member to be appointed by the president of MSLA.

Working Together in Conrad

By Pat McNamer

Abridged from a talk made at the MSLA Friends Luncheon, Livingston, May 2, which is being published in full in the July issues of the A.L.A. Bulletin and the Montana Library Quarterly.

I'm very happy to be here with all of you library Friends and Trustees today. It gives me a warm and pleasantly secure feeling similar to what the early day trapper must have experienced upon entering the trading post after months spent in lonely Indian country. Not that the work of a library trustee in a small Montana town is such a hazardous pursuit, but it can be a forlorn one, at times, as many of you have probably discovered for yourselves. It's only forlorn when our enthusiasm for it is misjudged. This sometimes happens in Montana because many of our smaller communities are only recently emerging from rough, settlement conditions into well-established, tax-supported civic enterprises.

Most of our city and county officials, during the past fifty years, have been concerned with very basic improvements—schools, hospitals, streets and roads. And because these problems, that have been solved in earlier eras in more populous parts of the country, remain with us today, we who are working for libraries in Montana often find ourselves competing for public support with people who consider us impractical and unrealistic. I think their attitude springs from an hon-

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est conviction that first the "wilderness must be cleared," so to speak, before money or time can be spent on the refinements of civilization—specifically—libraries.

If the year were 1900, I might agree with them. In this year, 1959, I heartily disagree. The most frightening wilderness in the world today lies in vast, untouched regions of the human mind. The construction job that must have top priority in every community on the face of a shrunken earth is one that will build human understanding into a concentrated welter of human relationships. No institution can better provide an access to the knowledge necessary for understanding than the public library. No institution is worthier of public support. Our enthusiasm for good library service is not misguided, but "out thar," in the settlements, it's sometimes misjudged. That's why it's so nice to be in here with all of you today.

Fortunately, for the people of Conrad, our mayor, Mr. Bob Arnot, shares our enthusiasm. A little over a year ago, Bob cast a pitying look on the hidden and humble little excuse for a library that had been trying to serve Conrad for thirty years. He decided it was NOT succeeding, and he appointed a library board to look into the matter. I'll always be glad he recruited me, for I had several old, personal debts to libraries that had long been unpaid. For reasons of their own, the other persons asked to serve on the board were equally pleased to do so. As a result we started out with lots of enthusiasm but very little "know-how." Our beginnings were rather desperate.

Fortunately, we realized we were floundering, so we solicited the counselling services of the Montana State Library Extension Commission. It was the brightest thing we could have done. Ruth Longworth came flying to our aid and provided us with invaluable services and advice. Almost all of the steps we've taken during the past year have been based on her suggestions and those of Mrs. Jacobs of the Great Falls Public Library. They've saved us much valuable time and many tax dollars that might have been wasted on expensive mistakes. We in Conrad can't praise the Commission's services too highly.

Because our Conrad library, in the process of transition, presents a rather dramatic picture of a dormant little collection of books rapidly developing into a true library, I'd like to run over the high points in the stages of its development, so far, here with you this afternoon.

One year ago our library was a single room in the City Hall filled with a collection of books that had been accumulated over the years through donations and meagre purchases of new books from month

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to month. It was poorly lighted, dreary looking, and few people knew it even existed. The children's collection was tiny and in tatters. The sole reference works available were two battered and obsolete sets of encyclopedias that had been very gratefully accepted as gifts—twenty years before. Today, it's still a single room in the City Hall, but it's a vastly different place than it was a year ago. It's different because the following changes have been made:

First; a much needed weeding job was done. Through the years a large number of out-of-date, obsolete books had collected in our library, and our shelves were crowded beyond their capacity. We decided to give first priority to the "weeding" job, after consulting Mrs. Longworth. She and Mrs. Jacobs spent a full day going through our books. The result was that we found we had ample shelf space, and money that we'd intended to spend for more was available for what we needed most—BOOKS.

The second step taken last year was to have our old, inadequate lighting system replaced by one recommended to us by Montana Power engineers. And then, to have our shelves painted in a light, pastel shade and to put up some colorful prints. The end result was a much more inviting and usable interior for our library.

The third step was to acquire a large loan of books, primarily juveniles for we were especially weak in that department, from the State Library Extension Commission to see us through the summer months.

The fourth step was to organize a Friends of the Library Group. As you know, the Friends exist in different communities in different capacities. We were primarily concerned that they should act in a public relations capacity. There were around twenty-five organized church and civic groups already functioning in Conrad. We asked that each of these groups elect a Friend of the Library and asked that the Friends inform their groups about books and services available in the library and that they patronize the library—and that was about all. Added to this list of group representatives were several individuals whom we knew to be especially interested in a library development program. A monthly letter has been sent out to all these contacts in the past year, informing them of improvements that were being made in library service, materials available in the library, etc. Through these means, a large number of active people have been kept currently aware of all the library has to offer, and that awareness has resulted in a daily book circulation at least ten times greater than what it was a year ago.

The position of Chairman of the Friends of the Library has been very ably filled, during the past year, by Mr. John Lahr. Mr. Lahr, our

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Congressman Leroy Anderson's son-in-law, has a very demanding farming operation to perform in managing the Anderson wheat and cattle ranch. Even so, he's found time to provide active and enthusiastic leadership for the newly organized Friends Group in Conrad. In January of this year he was appointed by the county commissioners to serve as their representative on our library board.

I might mention here, also under the heading of public relations, that we have had a weekly column appearing in the local newspaper, the Independent Observer. The paper's news editor, Jerry Cavanagh, has cooperated wholeheartedly and unstintingly in contributing the power of the press in our drive for better library service in Conrad.

The fifth major step taken during the past year was to present the city council with a budget that would provide a substantial increase in funds available to run the library. For years it had been operating on an annual budget of around $1,900.00 or the equivalent of a one mill city tax levy. Largely as a result of the new interest inspired in the library by the Friends group, the city council was persuaded that an increase in city support would be justified, and our request for around three times the previous amount was approved.

With additional funds at our disposal, we were able to take a sixth step—that of keeping the library open longer hours. Instead of opening at one o'clock in the afternoon the library was opened at twelve noon. This made it possible for many school-age youngsters and working people to visit the library during the noon hour. Evening hours

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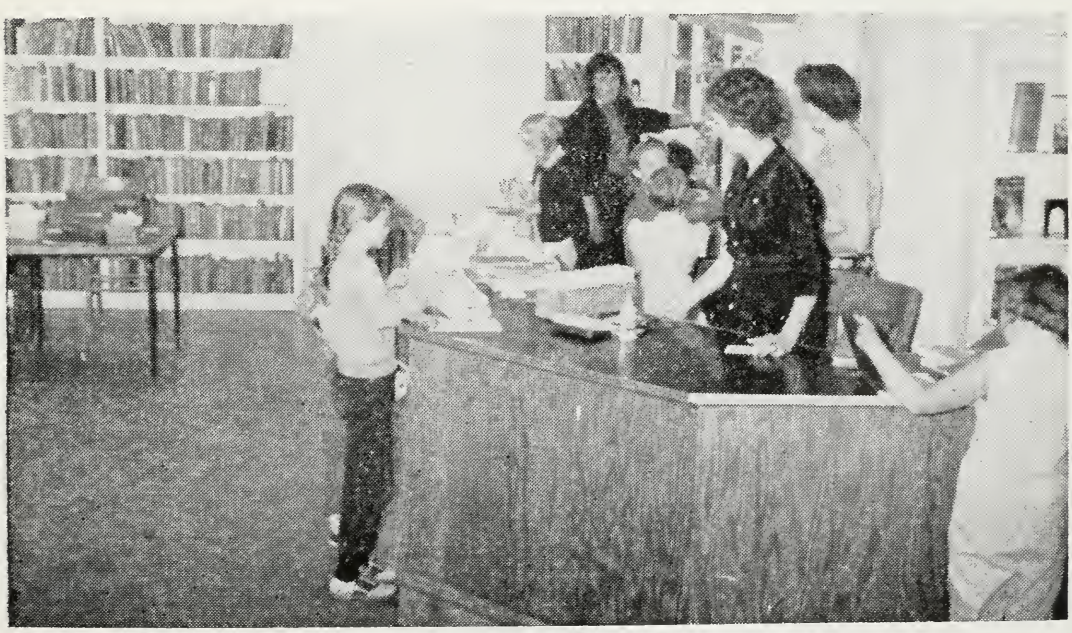
At the Loan Desk, Conrad Public Library.



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On July 9, 1920 the Lincoln County Free Library was created by reso ti Commissioners. The Libby Woman's Club had sponsored a library up to th its collection of 2,000 books as a nucleus for the new library. In Eureka, h tion had operated a public library and it turned over its building and conter

Over a period of years the library had several homes. In 1936 wher t built, it included a wing for the library, which is still being used although and inadequate in work and service space.

Two main branches are open three days a week: the Eureka Branch i t started, since remodelled, from which the Branch Librarian, Mrs. Clarence L books a year; and the Troy Branch housed in a new building built by the Librarian, Mrs. Jack White, circulates nearly the same number of books a t tine, Mrs. Bridger Reinwand maintains a small collection for loan in the ga s

At the present time the entire county system has approximately 30,000 culation was 123,619. Mrs. (Robert F.) Inez Ratekin Herrig, a native of Liby the library in 1922, after school and Saturdays." She is still there, although to attend the University of Washington and work in the University Branch She took the position of librarian in September 1929. Her assistant, Mrs. worked with her the first eight years and returned two years ago. Mrs. (Ro time clerical and Mary Kay Hewitt the page.

Activities include a weekly 15-minute radio program, a Great Books I start its 6th year and a story hour during the winter months for pre-school of age. A large magazine reference collection with some magazines going sively by students and adults. A Northwest history collection contains sa case maintained by the Libby Pioneer Society holds many early Libby p the Community Room in the basement contains items of the Lincoln Cou

There is no Library Board. The Librarian works directly under the C members are at present: Austin E. Fraser, Libby, Chairman; James L. Sloc

Lincoln County Free Library is one of the four libraries voluntarily join Montana Federation of Libraries which was organized under the Federal State Library Extension Commission. Mrs. Herrig is the coordinator of th

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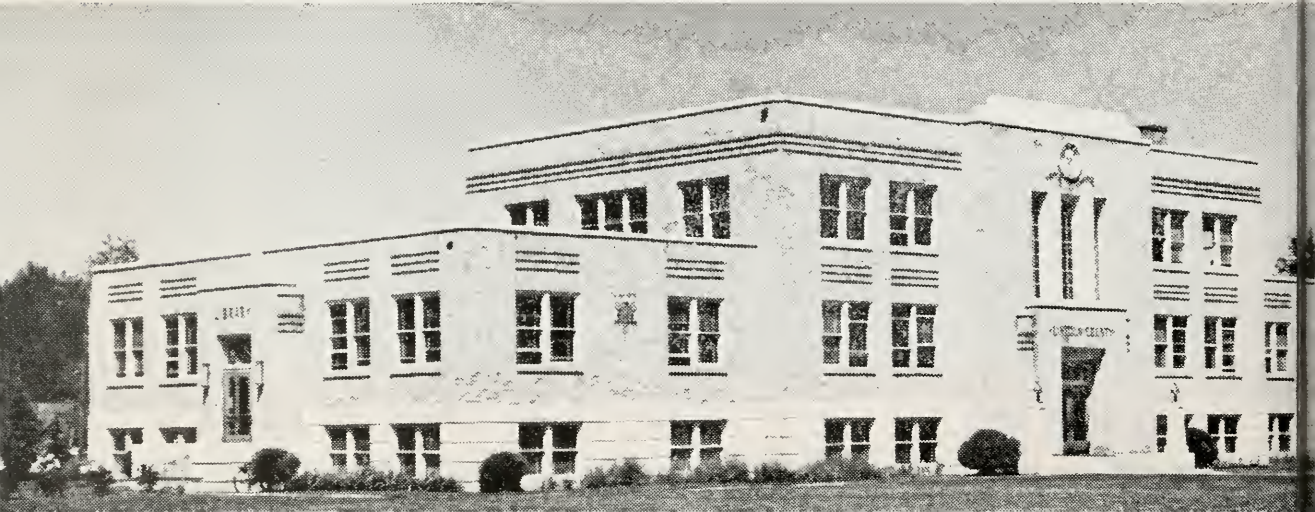

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Above: Two happy customers at York Bookmobile stop. At right: Mrs. Herrig. Below, left to right: Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, with Lincoln County Free Library in South wing; Mrs. Herrig and children at a Bookmobile stop.

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office that the books—over 10,000 since the start—are centrally processed and cataloged for the other three libraries—Flathead County Library, Carnegie City Library of Kalispell and Whitefish Public Library. The librarians of the four cooperating libraries meet regularly to discuss book orders and procedures. A Bookmobile, on loan by the Commission, was the first one on the road in the nation under the Federal Library Services Act. Since its start two years ago in May, it has circulated over 40,000 books in Lincoln County. The rural people are most grateful and one enthusiastic borrower said that it is the best thing that ever happened in that locality. Trips are made every month and borrowers may take as many books as they wish to last that length of time. Many of them exchange with each other and many make special requests which are sent by mail.

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PNLA Jubilee

The Pacific Northwest Library Association will commemorate its 50th Anniversary in September of this year. The 1959 Conference will be held from September second through fourth on the campus of the University of Washington, in Seattle, the scene of the first conference of the Association.

The Conference will open on Wednesday morning, September 2nd, with a Keynote Jubilee Kickoff—"Messages with a Meaning" from the American Library Association, the Canadian Library Association, and the Regional Library Associations of the United States. Charter members of the PNLA will be honored at a special luncheon on Thursday noon, September 3rd, and the Jubilee Banquet will be held on Friday evening at the Olympic Hotel. On Wednesday evening, there will be a Book Fair with a Coffee Hour, and the Jubilee Conference Committee hopes to secure several prominent speakers for the occasion of the Golden Jubilee. The Divisions that will hold meetings during the Conference are the Reference Division, the Circulation Division, the Catalog Division, the Library Education Division, and the Division of Work with Young People.

Since the reports of the PNLA Library Development Project will not be published in time for the Conference, and because so few of the membership will have read the preliminary Project reports, a discussion of the Project has been postponed until the 1960 Conference.

—KATHLEEN CAMPBELL, Jubilee Chairman

Montana Student Librarians

Montana Student Librarians held a one-day spring annual meeting in Missoula, May 22, at the Liberal Arts Building on the MSU campus, in connection with the high school Inter-scholastic meeting.

Guest speaker was Mrs. Howard (Marian) Place of Glendive, who told of experiences behind the books she has written. Mrs. Place, who writes under the pen name of Dale White, is well known to all Montanans interested in the literature of our state for her fine stories for teen-agers. Her first book was **"Tall Timber Pilots",** a popular history-biography about the Johnson Flying Service of Missoula and its founders; her latest **"Hold Back the Hunter",** a story about the first official exploration of the area that was to become Yellowstone National Park. Her books of fiction, most of which are tales of frontier days in Montana, as well as her biographies, are readable accounts of adventure with very authentic historical background. Mrs. Place is not only a writer who has had much first-hand experience doing library research, she is also a former librarian and a staunch friend and supporter of library development in Montana.

The publicity contest, sponsored by the Student Librarians, was judged during the day. Prizes of books were awarded for the best projects used to publicize National Library Week planned and executed by high school library assistants or library club members. The Ronan High School, the Holy Rosary High School of Bozeman and the South Avenue unit of Missoula County High School all had such fine entries that the judges decided to give each of them a first prize. Honorable mention went to Flathead County High School, Sacred Heart Academy of Missoula and Malta High School.

Officers elected at the meeting were: Norma Zuelke of Missoula County High School, president; Ron Murphy, Missoula County High School, vice-president; Donna Wilson, Wilsall High School, secretary; Christine Starkel, Ronan High School, treasurer; and Dianne DeCasse, Bozeman High School, historian.

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SOURCE FOR OUT-OF-PRINT BOOKS

We are pleased to announce that Montana now has its own second-hand book dealer. David A. Lawyer, who at one time operated a second hand book business in Los Angeles, and who for some years has been a resident of Plains, has gone back into the book business. His fiction catalog No. 109 contains many out-of-print items. Those we have seen are in excellent condition.

New Books

By Peggy Gadbow

New books are here, books to bring pleasant and rewarding experiences to our children. Pleasure means so many things, a surer knowing, a sigh or a chuckle, a reaching out, a venture in some far off place, or maybe just a quiet and familiar scene.

The Pointed Brush by Patricia Miles Martin is perhaps most outstanding for the enchanting and authentic pictures in color by Roger Duvoism. However, the story, too, captures the flavor and charm of the Chinese people and villages. And for boys and girls who sometimes wonder why they have to learn anything—ever, a new regard for learning may come from this story of Small Sixth Son who uses his pointed brush to write a letter which frees Elder Uncle from the false charge of stealing a water buffalo.

For the little folks, Alice E. Goudsy's **Houses From the Sea** (Scribner, 1959, $2.95) is a beautifully illustrated and informative picture story about sea shells and the tiny creatures who live inside them. Although it is simply written, they will need some help with words and will want the section on how sea shells are made and how they get their special shapes and colors read to them. They will pore by themselves over the pages showing the strange and fascinating shells arranged and labeled.

Dan and Sandy (Walck, 1959, $2.25) is another of the easy-to-read books by Catherine Barr, author of **Sammy Seal of the Circus, the Run Away Chimps, On With the Chase** and **Jeff and the Fourteen Eyes**. This story of two beguiling mongrels who want to win the prize at a pet show and a lonely boy who needs a pet (or two) to enter will please the beginning reader.

For those with a creative interest (or needing one) **Folk Plays for Puppets You Can Make** by Tom Tichenor (Abingdon, 1959, $2.75) is a do-it-yourself book on puppets, replete with scripts for five simple folk plays and directions for making the simple stage, scenery, and puppets. Another is Arthur Baidenburg's **How to Draw Dogs, Cats, and Horses** (Abelard Schuman, 1959, $3.00) which teaches individual characterization and perception as well as movement and proportion. For the fun of it too, is **Kites: How to Make and Fly Them** by Marion Downer (Lothrop, 1959, $3.00). The diagrams and simple vocabulary explain the step-by-step processes involved in making kites at a minimum expense and how to launch and fly them.

for Children

Margaret Cosgrove offers exciting and fascinating secrets to be found under the lens in her **Wonders Under a Microscope** (Dodd, Mead, 1959, $2.95), as well as information about where and how to buy a microscope, its use and care, and facts about outstanding scientists who first discovered these "invisible" worlds. Her excellent drawings combine with a very readable text to open new worlds to young adventurers.

A photographic picture book for young readers, **First Under the North Pole** by Commander William R. Anderson, U.S.N. (World, 1959, $2.75) is the timely and dramatic story of Operation Sunshine. Youngsters will find this account of the voyage of the atomic submarine **Nautilus** exciting and significant. The diagrams, photographs, and maps are most helpful to children wanting real understanding of the atomic machine.

This one can't miss. There are funny stories and shivery ones, too, in **The Thing at the Foot of the Bed** by America's well-known folk-lorist, Maria Leach. Ghost games and ghost poems and even helpful hints for those who happen to find a ghost when they're not looking for one, are all told with a sort of cheerful spookiness, the spirit of eerie fun being caught in the black and white drawings by Kurt Werth. The vocabulary is suitable for third graders, but these spine tinglers will appeal as well to older slow readers.

The Clock We Live On by Isaac Asimov includes the subjects of astronomy, mathematics, geography, physics and philosophy in its analysis of the phases of time and the calendar. Readers of junior and senior high levels will find this complicated subject made meaningful and coherent in an interesting way and will appreciate the excellent diagrams and indexes. (Abelard-Schuman, 1959, $3.00).

Readers of almost any age will find Mary Norton's **Borrowers Afloat** exciting and fresh with all of the charm and magic, suspense and tenderness that conspired to make the earlier **Borrowers** and **Borrowers Afield** dear to our hearts. Somehow the author makes these little people so real that their fate is of real concern and she does it in the most delightful way. (Harcourt, 1959. $2.75).

Indians (World, 1959, $4.95), written and illustrated by Edwin Tunis is a highly attractive and informative study of American Indians for readers of all ages. Every aspect of Indian life is presented pictorially and with authority. The detail in the skillful black and white drawings makes this a vivid and meaningful portrayal of Indian customs and culture.

Ringbone Sam

This library over at Malta
That Carnegie done staked them to,
I reckon they're all mighty proud of,
She bein' so gala and new.
They tell me she's chuck full of readin',
She bulges with unabridged tomes
With history, art, and with science,
With lyrics, with prose, and with pomes.

Now some folks for books has a cravin'
While to others they don't mean a damn,
But stranger, you talk about book sharps,
The high card is ol' Ringbone Sam.
This yere Ringbone, he hasn't no schoolin'
Or no intellectual look,
But, pard, talk about education!
He acquires it all out of one book.

He cherishes that valued volume,—
Peruses her faithful and true,—
Say, I jest wish that I had a dollar
For each time he's done read her through.
She's got pictures from cover to cover
And Ringbone, he knows 'em by heart,—
Why, to show you the value of readin'
You jest let an argument start.

Some evenin' down at the bunkhouse,—
You know how them cow punchers get,—
And Ringbone is ast for his judgment,
He settles it, that's a sure bet.
He can discourse, pard, somethin' amazin',—
His knowledge is varied and keen,—
He's authority sure on his subjeck,—
That sport packs a heap in HIS bean.

Now if one book disseminates wisdom
So copious like and so free,
Jest imagine this yere Ringbone person
Absorbin' of two, or of three!
But Ringbone is jest as contented,—
One book suits him, he ain't no hawg,—
But he sure loves that sheep herder's bible,—
Montgomery Ward's catalog.

With permission of the author, Robert H. Fletcher, of Butte

Bob Fletcher, Montana Author

We trust you'll agree that "Ringbone Sam," the poem on the opposite page from Bob Fletcher's book of poems, **Corral Dust,** holds a real challenge for all Montana librarians. When we asked Mr. Fletcher for permission to use it he replied that he was highly flattered by our "laudible desire to get Ringbone out of his reading rut." Mr. Fletcher is best known to Montanans as the author of the state's renowned Highway Markers. Less well known is the fact that he wrote the words for the original version of the popular song, "Don't Fence Me In." He has recently written a history of the Montana Stockgrowers Association to be published by the University of Oklahoma Press.

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MONTANA BOOKSHELF

Ruth McCallum, Branch Librarian at St. Regis, has compiled a mimeographed booklet of local history sketches. Entitled **An Anthology of St. Regis, Montana,** it is a useful item for Montana history collections, available from St. Regis library for 50c.

Four books by Montanans published this spring and not noted in earlier issues of **Montana Libraries** are: **Wolf Dog of Ambush Canyon** (Winston, $2.95), by Jo Sykes—a thrilling dog, horse and mystery story with a Montana locale for teenagers; **You, That's Who** (Dorrance, $2.00), an inspirational book by W. P. (Bill) Monger of Missoula; **Pruning Without Pain,** an illustrated manual for the professional and amateur gardener by O. B. Howell (Montana State Univ., $1.00); and **Business Men's Guide to Practical Politics** (Regency, $3.75), by J. J. Wuerthner, manager of public affairs at General Electrics Electronics Park in Syracuse, N. Y., and a former resident of Great Falls where his parents reside.

Dorothy Johnson's short story "Lost Sister", from her **Hanging Tree,** is included in a recently published paper-back **Mid-Century,** an anthology of distinguished American short stories (Pocket Library, 35c). Also available in paper-back is Leslie Fiedler's **An End to Innocence** (Beacon Press, $1.25) and Henry Larom's **Mountain Pony** and **Mountain Pony and the Pinto Colt** (both in the Scholastic Magazine's Teen Age Books at 25c).

SLEC's new "Montana Books" is an annotated list "designed to help libraries select books about Montana for their general collections". We are not making distribution to individuals but will be happy to send a copy on request.

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The man who doesn't read books has no advantage over the man who can't read them.

—J. J. Fletcher in "Sand and Spray"

Coordinator Committee Meets

A meeting of Montana's "Coordinators" was held during MSLA's annual convention at which Ruth Longworth reported on the Phoenix Western Conference of State Librarians, March 21-23, 1959. The Conference, planned by Catherine Chadwick, took the form of an institute conducted by Gretchen Schenck and Helen Luce, on progress under LSA and its implications for library development in the West. Ruth took part in a panel which had as its theme the "Gentle Art of Persuasion." She spoke on "How to Get Cooperation" and illustrated her talk with instances of cooperative endeavor in Montana.

Ruth reported that the Conference was immensely successful and that she had heard of activities in several of the states which could in all probability be applied in Montana with real profit. Idaho has an advisory committee to the state library board composed of representatives from each large civic organization in the state. Each county has a county advisor who also serves on this committee. A certificate, signed by the Secretary of State, is issued to each Advisor, who represents the state library in each county and is well acquainted with the state plan and the state library's services. In this fashion a great many lay people are involved in the program.

In Utah, a volunteer assistant helps the bookmobile driver at each stop. Not only is his help with clerical details invaluable, but this volunteer has proven to be a most successful public relations person in the area. Nebraska held a most successful Governor's Trustee Conference, assisted by ALA, as part of the Library Community Project. One hundred and fifty trustees attended and then went home to put on a similar program in their own communities. The Coordinator's Committee was in agreement that such a Conference would be most valuable for Montana.

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LSA STATISTICS

State funds for the nation show a 45% increase over 1956.

Those for western states show a 53% increase.

Local funds for the nation show a 34% increase over 1956.

Those for western states show a 41% increase.

One hundred and thirty-four bookmobiles have been purchased and are rolling.

Seventy-three field consultants are helping to develop good library service.

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Employ your time in improving yourself by other men's writings; so shall you come easily by what others have labored hard to obtain.

—Jane Addams

SLEC VISITORS

Margie Ann Camm, Public Service Librarian at the Idaho State Library spent May 11th at Commission Headquarters in Missoula to view SLEC processes and to discuss common problems. It was indeed pleasant to have this opportunity of visiting with Margie who is well known to Montana librarians as a former librarian at Fort Benton where her family lives. Margie left Missoula for a consultation with Inez Herrig in Libby and a vacation with her family.

Commission Headquarters was also honored in May by a visit from Miss Eleanor Ferguson of ALA who was on her way to a workshop in Portland en route from the MSLA convention at Livingston.

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Montana's Plan Publicized

Montana's plan for federation of libraries received national recognition in the May issue of Wilson Library Bulletin, devoted to articles on progress under the Library Services Act. Of the eighteen included, one—"A Federation of Libraries", by Ruth Longworth—describes Montana's activities. It is accompanied by six pictures illustrating bookmobile service in the Five Valleys and the Northwest federations. The article emphasizes the point that "Montana's plan is succeeding because communities are voluntarily joining in a friendly spirit of cooperation, working together in harmony for their mutual betterment."

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"Anyone Plead Guilty?"

At the western state librarian's conference in Phoenix, Gretchen Schenck states in the Wilson Library Bulletin for June 1959 "the question arose as to whether a library supported solely out of municipal tax funds ought to provide service free of charge to the surrounding area. And if not, why not?"

Mrs. Schenck quotes from Minnesota: "The very high circulation figures of some libraries can often be accounted for by the fact that many of these libraries offer their services free to rural people from the surrounding area. This can easily double the number of library users in a small library. The circulation per capita figure is based on the population which is taxed for library support. If a library circulates books free of charge in outside territory the statistics become meaningless for comparison with other libraries.

This is not the worse feature of the practice, however. By spreading itself so thin, the library is actually depriving the supporting taxpayer

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of a part of his share of a service that he is paying to support. At the same time the rural user is deluded into believing that he can have library service at no cost. Such practice is deterrent to the establishment of publicly supported library service in many rural areas." Mrs. Schenk comments, "Service should be extended, certainly, but on a businesslike basis."

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College and University Activities

Alma Jacobs, Librarian of Great Falls Public Library, will assist Richard Darling, Professor of Education, with Montana State University's annual Library Workshop this summer, July 21 to 31, 1959. The workshop is open to everyone who has had nine quarter hours of library science or practical experience in school or public libraries. This year's subject, "Library Public Relations and Services," is a vital one. At a second workshop on school library problems to be held on the Bozeman campus, August 3 to 14, Mr. Darling will assist Eilene Morrison, Professor of Library Science at Montana State College. In addition to the workshops, varied courses in Library Science will be offered during the summer at both the University and the College.

The College received this year's $1,000 Grolier-American Scholarship in School Librarianship, awarded to a school of library education offering an undergraduate program. Presentation was made to Miss Morrison at the Washington ALA Conference in June.

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Publications Available

The W. W. Wilson Company has just issued a fourth edition of Marie D. Loiseaux' **Publicity Primer,** an exceedingly useful item for all libraries that do not have earlier editions. Price $1.50. Another useful booklet, revised in 1958 is **An Inexpensive Science Library,** a selected list of paperbound science books, published by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, 125 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington 5, D.C. Price 25c a copy, prepaid, postage stamps not accepted.

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Books are not men and yet they are alive,
They are men's memory and his aspiration.
The link between his present and his past,
The tools he builds with.

—Stephen Vincent Benet

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Absorption.

were also added, and, by keeping the library open all day on Saturday, we were able to make service available to many farming people in town for their weekly shopping tour and to start a Saturday morning story hour.

A story telling committee, made up of volunteers from the Friends of the Library, was formed in January to provide the Story Hour with the best talent the town has to offer.

The seventh step taken last year was to offer the county commissioners the opportunity to contract for county-wide service with our city library. This contract seemed an efficient way to eliminate the necessity of charging rural people $1.25 for cards in the library, as had been done in the past. It was also an attempt upon our part to cooperate in the nationwide effort to extend library services to rural areas. The county participated to the extent of ¼ mill, or around $3,000.00.

This gave us around $8,000.00 to operate on during the fiscal year 1958-59. But our budget still would not have covered the books and professional library service we needed had we not taken another, most important, step. This was to enter into a contract for service with the Great Falls library, one of the finest libraries in the state. The terms of our contract provide that all of the new books we order shall be purchased, processed and cataloged by the Great Falls library. We are also provided with the advisory services of their professionally trained staff and an in-service training program for employees of our

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library. In addition, we are provided with the resources of their extensive reference collection. In exchange, Great Falls keeps the one-third discount they receive on the purchase of all our books at the publisher's list price. This year that will amount to around $1,200.00. However, instead of the contract costing us money we can ill afford to spend, we in Conrad all feel that it is, in effect, stretching our $8,000.00 budget to many times that amount by enabling us to provide both quality and quantity in service to the community that few towns the size of ours can ever hope to provide by themselves.

In addition, it has transformed our library, almost overnight, from a stagnant little collection of books for the casual reader into a vital and up-to-date center of information for hundreds of people in town and from all over the surrounding area. In the past few months we've received requests for materials on foreign countries and child care from Home Demonstration groups in the area. We've received a request for grammar books in the Russian language from a middle-aged mechanic who is determined to learn it. We've received requests for highly technical material in the fields of sociology and physics. A seventh grade girl recently asked for three books on the subject of—ANTS. A high school boy wanted everything available on the moon. A housewife wanted information on landscaping. And these are only a few of the many specialized requests we've received in recent months from people who are seeking—understanding.

A year ago we'd have turned all of them away—disappointed. I'm very happy to be able to say that, as a result of our contract with Great Falls, every one of these requests has been filled in a matter of a few days.

Truly, a new respect has been aroused in our town for the institution known as the public library. My highest hope is to see this new respect turn into active enthusiasm for the library's support—the kind of constructive enthusiasm shared by all of you people here today. When I consider that over five hundred new cards have been issued by our librarian in the past six months, and that children are flocking in ever increasing numbers to the weekly Story Hour, and that our daily book circulation is, at least, ten times greater than it was last year at this time, this hope doesn't seem foolish—its realization seems inevitable.

The "new frontiers" of the human mind are beginning to exert a strong appeal on the active and adventurous people in our communities. Soon it will be only a matter of time before the barriers are down, and the wastes are cleared and the builders of libraries prevail. At least, that has become my motto.

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